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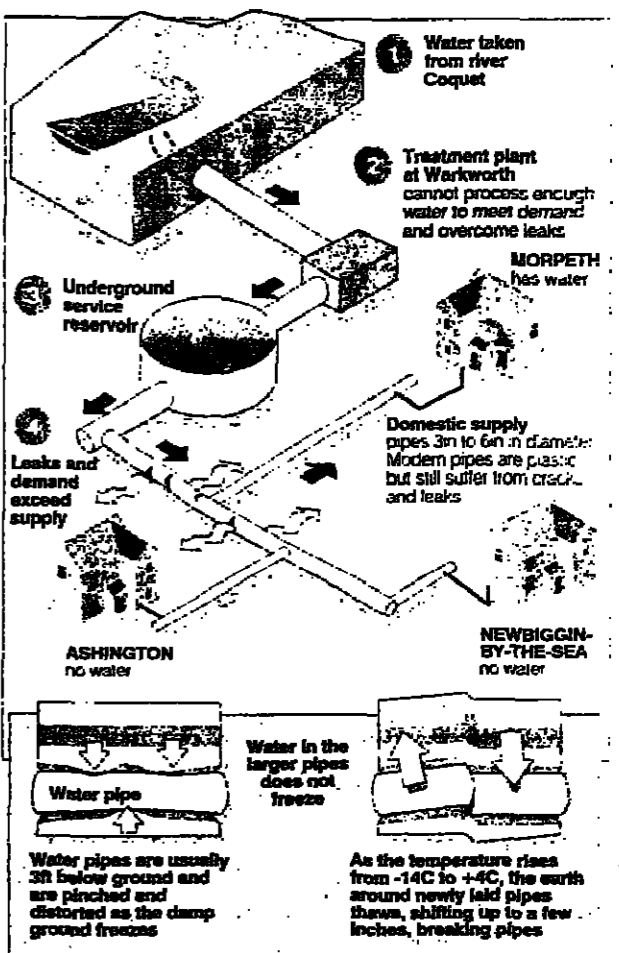
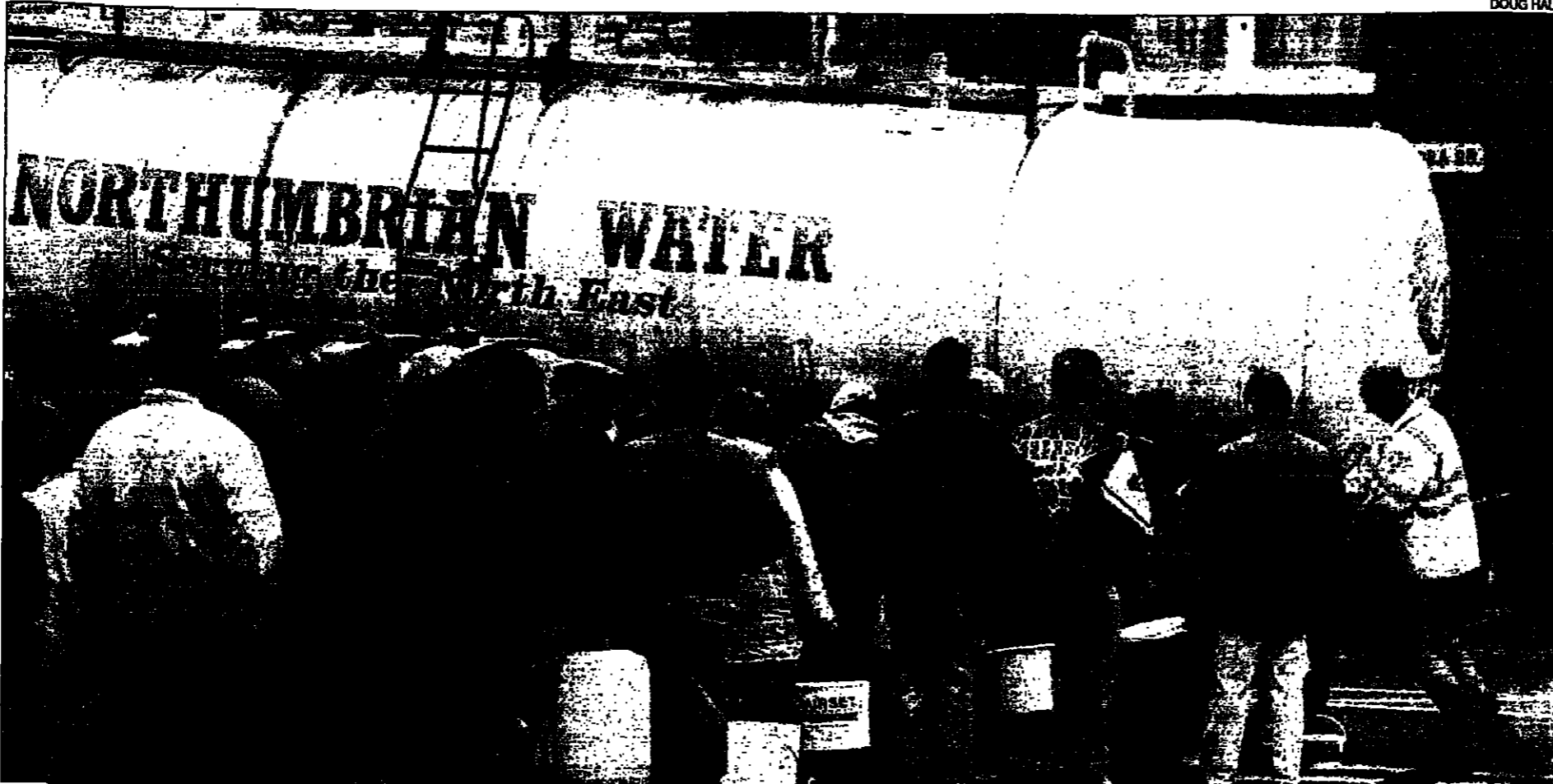
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# Plastic pipes that burst were only recently installed to replace leaky, cast iron system



End of the line: residents of Ashington, Northumberland, queue for water from a bowser yesterday after supplies were cut off. Water companies blamed "ground shift", which caused underground pipes to break in the sudden thaw

## Water companies blame quick thaw for shortage

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

FREAK weather and a phenomenon called "ground shift" were blamed yesterday by the water companies for the shortages in supplies that brought misery to thousands of homes and businesses. The companies, struggling to restore services after thousands of mains burst across northern Britain, said the ground had thawed too quickly. This caused small mains pipes to be twisted and broken as the ground expanded in the freeze and then suddenly contracted in the overnight thaw. Some of the pipes were more vulnerable because they were new. North East Water had recently installed some plastic pipes to replace leaky cast iron ones. The pipes had not yet bedded in so the pressure of the expanding,

frozen, soil was uneven, exaggerating the twisting effect. But Canadian water experts, who deal throughout the winter with temperatures far lower than are seen here, said the depth at which British companies lay their pipes must also be partly to blame. Many of the mains which have burst in Britain are the smaller, 3in diameter, pipes running from the road into homes and offices at a depth of 3ft. Wayne Jackson, general manager of water utility serving Toronto, where temperatures were yesterday below -20C, said that it was not possible to construct a totally burst-free water system. He said the Canadians put their mains at a depth of 5ft, which is below the freezing or

frost line, to avoid "ground shift". British water companies said it added to costs to dig any deeper but guidelines, based on advice from the Water Research Centre at Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, may now be revised. Temperatures fell to -14C before suddenly thawing to 4C, causing the ground to shift by several inches. Pipes were pushed and twisted, causing some to fracture in the middle and many to break at the joints. Anne Kirby, of the Society of British Water Industries, said yesterday that using plastic pipes had probably reduced rather than increased the risk of bursts. Cast iron is less flexible and more likely to crack, compared with the modern ductile iron or poly-

ethylene materials which are 12 per cent more flexible. Ms Kirby said that in Canada and Russia the thaws were also far more even and slower than this week's sudden cold snap and thaw. One of the consequences of the bursts has been that the Northumberland towns of Newbiggin-by-the-Sea and Ashington have been cut off. A North East Water spokesman said that the towns were supplied by water from the River Coquet at Warkworth which, after being treated, is piped to a service reservoir. But the burst pipes mean the company cannot supply enough treated water to the reservoir for all the area's customers and "these two villages are, unfortunately, at the end of the pipe".

## Cowboy plumbers cash in

PLUMBERS have been cashing in on the thaw in northeast England by charging average labour fees of £50 an hour - double their usual rate. Householders were warned by the National Association of Plumbing, Heating and Mechanical Services Contractors to beware of unscrupulous traders. A spokesman said: "We are incensed that plumbers are ripping people off and damaging the reputation of the industry." Only plumbers that pass a quality test are allowed to join the association or the Institute of Plumbers. Complaints about members could lead to them being expelled. Both organisations have a code of practice which is registered with the Office of Fair Trading.

## Executive's wife directs bucketful of ire at press

By Joanna Bale



Mrs Cranston: hurled precious commodity

DESPITE calls to save water, the wife of Northumbrian Water's chief executive used a bucket of the precious commodity to hurl in anger yesterday. David Cranston tried in vain to stop his wife Jennifer throwing the water at Raoul Dixon, a press photographer, as he took pictures in the drive of their home. After narrowly missing its target, the blue bucket shattered on the ground and Mrs Cranston stormed into the house, slamming the front door. Mr Cranston, who had earlier given Mr Dixon permission to photograph buckets of water on his front doorstep, turned away and tried to hide his embarrassment. Like hundreds of other residents in Darras Hall estate in Ponteland, Northumberland, the Cranstons were carefully

had proudly explained that they had filled buckets from their tiny pond to flush toilets. He said: "We are using the taps as little as possible." After his public relations plan backfired, he said: "There was a misunderstanding about a photograph and my wife was gravely upset. I am fair game, but she is not." Mr Dixon, 20, said: "I went to the door with a reporter. Mrs Cranston answered and spoke about how she and her husband had been trying to conserve water. She asked us not to take pictures of the buckets of pond water on the doorstep. Her husband arrived home as we were leaving and agreed to an interview and to pictures of the buckets. "Mrs Cranston had taken two buckets into the house and was returning for the third when she saw me taking pictures. She grabbed the full bucket and hurled it at me."

## Rail commuters held rape suspect

By a Staff Reporter

PASSENGERS chased and caught an alleged rapist after his terrified victim banged on the windows of their late-night commuter train, a court was told yesterday. When the train arrived at Anerley station, south London, two British Rail drivers saw Lee Coleman, 25, on top of a 34-year-old Stock Exchange executive apparently having sex with her on a bench. Ian Darling, for the prosecution, said. As the train pulled to a halt the drivers, in their mirror, saw the woman push the man off, and run to the nearest carriage, banging on the window for help. The drivers also saw Mr Coleman run off over a bridge. Commuters left their carriages to give chase, and marched him back to face his victim. Mr Darling told the Old Bailey. In tears she told him "you know what you did, you know what you threatened me with, you men think you can get what you want". Mr Coleman later claimed to police the woman had kissed him and demanded sex. But he repeatedly denied lying on top of her on the bench,

claiming he only sat next to her. Mr Darling told the jury this was not what the BR drivers saw. Mr Coleman, of South Norwood, south London, denies rape. The jury was told the executive had been drinking with friends in the City last May, and had about five glasses of wine. She missed her train and so had a gin and tonic with friends at the station before getting a train just after 10pm. However, she fell asleep and missed her stop. She got off at Norwood Junction and began talking to a friend on her mobile phone. As she did Mr Coleman approached and offered to help. At first he seemed "a perfect gentleman", helping her to the platform and getting on to the train with her, Mr Darling said. At Anerley he got off with her but when she tried to call her friend again he prevented her. When the woman sat on a bench to try to call her friend he pushed her down, saying: "Kiss me and I will let you go." She agreed hoping he would go away. But, claimed Mr Darling, he raped her. The trial continues.

## Murder gang 'seen in club'

By Adrian Lee

FRIENDS of Evon Berry, the father of three shot dead as he tried to stop a mugging, said yesterday he was murdered by a criminal gang that had travelled to Bristol to steal the takings from a New Year's Eve party. Last night police said they were investigating reports that a group of men was seen brandishing guns in a nightclub, a mile from the murder scene in St Paul's, 90 minutes before Mr Berry was killed. Armed police went to the Millionaires Club, in Stapleton Road, Easton, where 200 revellers were celebrating the new year. No one was arrested or guns recovered. An Avon and Somerset police spokesman said: "We monitored people leaving but there was a big crowd so we had to be cautious. The last thing we wanted was a gun battle." Mr Berry, a caretaker at the Malcolm X Community Centre, in St Paul's, was shot in the head with a .32 calibre bullet from a handgun as he tried to intervene in the mugging. He was walking home with two friends after supervising a party at the centre, where he was also well known

for his voluntary work. Former colleagues and friends gathered yesterday to lay flowers at the spot where the 37-year-old died and paid tribute to the "gentle giant". They said he was due to begin work on a drugs awareness project for young people. Mr Berry, born in Jamaica but a resident of Bristol since he was a young boy, was described as one of the most highly respected men in the black community. One card, placed with flowers in Grosvenor Road where he died, said simply: "Respect always big man." Another said: "To a gentle giant, you will be missed." The black community has promised its full co-operation in the hunt for those responsible. "These were not just street muggers," said a friend of the dead man. "They came to do something big and it never happened. They were frustrated and Evon was in the wrong place at the wrong time." A police source said: "It is highly likely the killer came from outside the local community, otherwise we would have expected to have heard more by now."

## Museum stops Drake from sinking

By Nigel Hawkes, Science Editor



THE 400th anniversary of the death of Sir Francis Drake will see his tattered reputation revived by the National Maritime Museum with a major exhibition. Drake has been branded as a pirate and slave trader by those anxious to impose 20th century standards on the past. Never exactly popular with the Spanish, whose colonies he sacked and whose Armada he helped destroy, he was last year denied a celebratory stamp by the Post Office. Plans to recover his body from its watery grave off Panama for reburial at Westminster Abbey have been rebuffed by the Admiralty.

Drake: cruel tyrant or a master tactician? Renowned for his sang-froid in playing bowls as the Armada approached, Drake has been holed below the waterline by political correctness despite recognition of

his skills as a tactician and navigator. The Greenwich exhibition, Blood, Sea and Ice, which also celebrates Captain James Cook and the Arctic explorer Sir John Franklin, opens on January 28. It will include Drake's Drum, a side drum carried on his last voyage which by legend is supposed to beat when England is in danger of invasion, and a sea chest from the Golden Hind. Dr Eric Kentley, organiser of the exhibitions, said: "It is a tribute to three men who shaped the destiny of our country, and the world, by battle, exploration, navigation and discovery." John Cummins, reader in Spanish at the University of Aberdeen and the author of a recent biography of Drake,

admits that even in his lifetime plenty of people disliked him. In an article in *History Today*, he quotes a contemporary account of Drake's circumnavigation of the world describing him as "a tyrannous and cruel tyrant" capable of murder, venom, and "bludd spilling". But Dr Cummins believes that many who disliked Drake did so because of his humble upbringing and unwillingness to bend the knee to social superiors. There are two black marks, Dr Cummins admits: Drake's desertion of his comrades under Spanish fire after the battle of San Juan de Ulua when he simply sailed away, and his execution at sea of Thomas Doughty on trumped-up charges.

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# Bottomley gambles on lottery's appeal to Middle Britain

By ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

VIRGINIA BOTTOMLEY is to appeal directly to Middle Britain in an attempt to regain the moral high ground for the National Lottery.

The Heritage Secretary will ask Women's Institutes, Round Table organisations and Rotary and Lions Clubs to help to bring the benefits of the lottery to every village and town. Stung by growing criticism that too much lottery cash has gone to large-scale, elitist and urban projects, she is sending out two million leaflets to leaders of local businesses and community groups to explain how small organisations can apply for lottery grants.

Mrs Bottomley is keen to ensure that the game is perceived as a "people's lottery". She hopes that businessmen and women in organisations such as rotary clubs will use their social and professional contacts with local authorities, councils and trades people to help to put together small bids for lottery funding.

A spokesman said: "She wants to reach out to Middle England and to show people that the lottery can be used as a way of regenerating local economies as well as improving community facilities." Mrs Bottomley also wants local

business leaders to take an active role in putting together lottery bids. Every company is being urged to give one of their best members of staff responsibility for co-ordinating a lottery strategy.

Mrs Bottomley believes that small firms have a strong vested interest. Grants given to small-scale community schemes will benefit local builders and crafts people and suppliers. About 20 per cent of the work undertaken by architects at the moment, for example, is connected with lottery bids.

The £65,000 leaflet drop, which is being funded by the Heritage Department and the



Bottomley, sending out two million leaflets

five lottery distributing bodies, will be launched tomorrow. Entitled *It could be your good cause*, they provide brief case-histories of successful lottery bids from small groups and explain where to apply.

Mrs Bottomley hopes the initiative will counter continuing criticism of the record £40 million roll-over jackpot expected in Saturday's draw. A spokeswoman for Camelot, the lottery operator, said that sales had increased substantially yesterday. "It's a possibility that nine out of ten people aged 16 or over will play this week," she said.

The Anglican Bishop of Wakefield, the Right Rev Nigel McCulloch, yesterday renewed his calls for an end to the "obscene" prizes made possible by roll-overs, which encouraged "sheer greed".

"The lottery is not about making the public happy — it is a business set up to make its shareholders rich," the Bishop wrote in the *Daily Mail*. "Camelot, with the connivance of the BBC, tempts an unusually glib British public with dreams of the happiness that money alone can bring. It is one of the oldest lies."

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# Arthritis research 'likely to cure most victims'

By NIGEL HAWKES, SCIENCE EDITOR

MOST cases of arthritis are likely to be cured within the next decade after spectacular progress in care and treatment, a leading British specialist forecast yesterday.

"The proportion of people who get better is increasing, and the number who could gain substantial benefits is nearing 100 per cent," said Professor Paul Dieppe of Bristol University.

Introducing a research review by the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council on its 60th anniversary, he admitted that most sufferers are not yet cured in spite of the progress made "but the research advances give us real reasons for being optimistic that in the future most will be cured."

Professor Dieppe said that two of the main leads emerging from current research were the production of enzyme inhibitors to eliminate the chemicals that erode bones and joints, and the development of ways to switch off the immunological processes behind the progress of arthritis. The most obvious success stories so far had been the development of replacement joints.

It was now believed that researchers were on the threshold of another leap forward in treatment, either through progress in therapy pioneered by the council, which attacks the substances that cause damage to joints, or through genetic work, which is providing clues to the cause of the disease.

The council is contributing £17 million a year to arthritis research. The disease in its various forms affects millions of people in Britain, with 600,000 suffering from rheumatoid arthritis and 1,500,000 from osteoarthritis.

At the council's diamond jubilee conference in Hammersmith, west London, was the actor Andrew Sachs, 65, alias Manuel in *Fawlty Towers*. He praised the courage of young sufferers he had met in his work for the Hospital for Sick Children, Great Ormond Street.



Jasmine Gardner, who first walked unaided on Christmas Day at the age of 22 months

# First steps give family extra reason for a celebration

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE first steps of Jasmine Gardner, aged 22 months, were particularly special for her family because arthritis had prevented her from even crawling at times.

Jasmine, whose juvenile chronic arthritis was diagnosed at the age of 16 months, walked unaided for the first time on Christmas Day as her parents and brothers were eating dinner.

Her mother Angela said yesterday: "She has been trying to walk for some time but it has been too painful. When

ever she got very ill she would lose any ability to crawl. On Christmas Day I let go of her and she started to walk all around the table. It was absolutely brilliant."

Mrs Gardner, 38, and her husband Andrew brought Jasmine to London yesterday for a conference to mark the diamond jubilee of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council.

Mrs Gardner, of Wellborough, Northamptonshire, said: "Jasmine was taken very ill in January last year. She had been admitted

to hospital with a high fever and a rash which they thought was an allergic reaction.

"She was finally diagnosed in July. The doctors could not say what the outcome will be. We don't know if she is going to develop problems with her joints later on in life or whether she is going to grow out of it."

Jasmine's twin sister died after they were born three months prematurely. Mrs Gardner, 40, said: "Jasmine is very well at the moment. The best she has ever been."

# Church school head resigns after £500 theft is uncovered

By A STAFF REPORTER

A HEAD TEACHER resigned after admitting taking money raised for her former school, it was revealed yesterday. Mrs Karen Reynolds has since repaid the missing £500.

Her resignation from St John's Church of England primary school in Gosport, Hampshire, had been attributed to sickness. Police were not called in.

The money came from a fundraising event for the town's Leeland Infant Church of England School in the summer of 1994. It was

found to be missing only after Mrs Reynolds left to run neighbouring St John's. Leeland governors called in auditors, and Mrs Reynolds resigned three months ago when they presented her with the results.

Hampshire County Council yesterday confirmed the reason for her departure. Peter Coles, the chief education officer, said: "Money went missing. There was an investigation and Mrs Reynolds admitted having taken the money." The sum was too

small, he said, for the "substantial additional expenditure in terms of police time and Crown Prosecution Service time that would be incurred. It is a crude rule but it applies whether you are talking about a caretaker or a chief officer."

In a letter to parents, the Rev Anne Gordon, the Leeland governors' chairwoman, said: "We set high standards of honesty as an example to our children. Staff and governors have been particularly upset by this."

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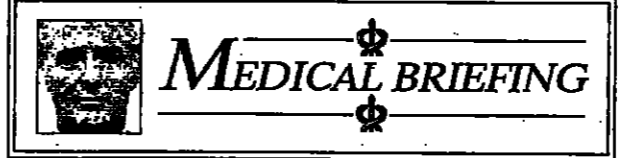
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# Shaking all over in a sober new year

THE time for new year resolutions also brings a spate of delirium tremens (DTs), the acute toxic psychosis when a formerly heavy drinker pays the price for years of alcohol dependency.

New year resolutions too often prompt old soaks to reconsider their lifestyle and bad habits, and as a result to give up the drink suddenly, even if their resolve was only "to take a month off".

Paradoxically, DTs do not affect a patient during a drinking bout, but strike after it is over. However, it is unusual to see it in people who have not also been drinking heavily for several years. The patient may become fearful, deluded and incoherent and there may be changes in their level of consciousness. DTs are associated with physical, as well as mental signs; an



Dr Thomas Stuttaford

epileptic fit is often the first indication of trouble ahead but the patients may also run a temperature, suffer cramps and abdominal pain.

Hallucinations may be particularly interesting to the doctor but are always terrifying to the patient. Often they are associated with severe delirium in which the sufferer is speaking in a rambling and incoherent fashion. But equally the patient often sounds rational and is able to explain clearly, and explicitly, the ghastly images that he or she is seeing or hearing. Hallucinations can either be auditory — the hearing of voices, for instance — or visual or tactile.

Seeing, and feeling, rats crawling all over the bed, the floor and even their own body is a common visual hallucination, and one which struck a journalist who had been sent to the United States and decided to take the opportunity to give up the booze. As is usually the case, these symp-

toms started within 48 hours of putting the good resolution into practice.

Over Christmas I was told an even more fascinating example of DTs by a retired Irish surgeon. At the end of the Second World War, while in the Navy, he was asked to escort back from the Far East a senior officer who had become an alcoholic.

As they approached the English Channel his charge thought the time had come to give up alcohol. Within hours the senior officer was suffering from the Lilliput syndrome in which everybody around him seemed to be only inches tall; he was terrified.

The surgeon thereafter was able to understand why many of his Irish patients professed to believe so determinedly in the existence of "the little people".

# Army commander fights gay move

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

A SENIOR Army commander has called for an attack on the flanks of the homosexual fraternity as part of a campaign to stop the Government from lifting the ban on gays serving in the Armed Forces. In an outspoken letter to a Ministry of Defence unit preparing a report on the issue for ministers, Brigadier John Patrick warned of the need to "fight off the strong views of a small but vociferous minority".

Writing as commander of 145 (Home Counties) Brigade, based at Aldershot, Brigadier Patrick is one of many senior officers who have voiced strong aversion to any change in the current ban on homosexuality in the Services.

His letter, which was leaked yesterday, was addressed to the MoD's homosexual policy assessment team which, under its chairman, Paul Shultz, a civil servant, is drawing up options for ministers in the event of a decision to change the long-standing policy.

A survey carried out throughout the three Services is believed to show substantial support for keeping the

# HRT 'does not make women fat'

By JEREMY LAURANCE

LONG-TERM use of hormone replacement therapy to counter the effects of the menopause does not lead to an increase in weight, researchers have found.

Fear of weight gain is one of the principal reasons why women refuse HRT or give it up soon after starting. However, the first study to examine the long-term effects of the treatment has found no evidence that it adds pounds.

One in five post-menopausal women in Britain takes HRT and the proportion is expected to grow to one in three by the end of the decade. But there is a widespread belief among women and doctors that the reduction in menopausal symptoms is bought at the expense of an increase in girth.

Researchers from the University of California studied 671 women over almost 20 years to 1991. Their results, published in *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, showed that there were no differences between users and non-users of HRT on measures of obesity, fat distribution or body composition.

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# New rail firms accused of fleecing passengers

By JOANNA BALE



Wilson: supported call to suspend franchising

TRAIN companies were accused yesterday of widespread overcharging on fares after the break-up of British Rail. The Consumers' Association said its findings were so serious that rail privatisation should be postponed for an urgent review of ticketing methods.

Investigators made more than 250 inquiries or ticket purchases at 28 stations or information points around the country, to check if companies were honouring a commitment to quote rivals' fares where they are cheaper. A report to be published in tomorrow's *Which?* magazine says that the cheapest available fare was not provided in 90 per cent of cases. The total of fares quoted or charged came to £13,013. If "unbiased" sales advice had been followed, the figure would have been £7,591. The average overcharge was £24 and the highest was £70.20. In some cases, the association was sold invalid tickets.

"The new-fork British Rail failed our test miserably," says the report. "In many cases, the overpriced fares given were more than double the cheapest fare which is listed clearly in the National Fares Manual used by train staff."

As the rail network is divided up for privatisation, many train companies now compete for passengers on similar routes. The companies are obliged to give information about the cheapest ticket on a route, even if it is for a service run by a

rival and even if the journey time is longer. The train companies' willingness to meet these conditions was put to the test in late August and early September. In most cases, questions were put to sales points run by companies that set the higher of two competing fares.

*Which?* tested five different routes: London-Bristol, London to Carmarthen and Swansea, London to Exeter, London-Bath and London-Birmingham. While the cheapest fare on the London to Bath route was South Wales and West's at £22, InterCity West Coast ticket clerks in London said £53 was the cheapest. Five days later, the clerks said the fare was £45 — an invalid fare for the service needed.

In a letter to Brian Wilson, a

Labour transport spokesman, the Consumer Association's parliamentary officer Meriel Thorne said: "We were astonished by the results. The degree of misinformation by the train-operating companies suggests they are either flouting their licensing conditions for commercial gain, or that their staff are undertrained or incompetent. Either way, the present arrangement is certainly not working in the passengers' interests."

Mr Wilson said: "I fully support the Consumers' Association's call for franchising to be suspended in the light of this astonishing indictment. We have warned from the outset that individual operators would have no interest in maintaining the benefits which flow from having a national rail network. If the Tories press on with the rail fragmentation, the quality of service and information throughout the country will decline rapidly. They must heed the conclusions of this report or pay the penalty."

Keith Bill, secretary of the Save Our Railways campaign, said of the survey findings: "We're not surprised at all. British Rail is being broken up into 100 different competing pieces, changes are happening every day, and the system is falling into chaos because of staff reductions and cost-cutting in preparation for privatisation."

"Passengers are now being given the wrong tickets and overcharged. We estimate that they are losing hundreds of thousands of pounds a year. Unless the drive to privatise is stopped and sanity returned, it's going to get a lot worse."

Barry Doe, who worked with *Which?* on the investigation, said: "The ticketing system is too big to be workable and too complicated for the average booking clerk, despite the use of computers. Some of the InterCity fare differences are staggering. If you travel at different times and on different routes, there are dozens of different possibilities to choose from. Most people are completely unaware of this."

"There must also be an element of bias creeping in because clerks are being paid by one particular company so they are more likely to give information on that company's fares first."

## Learners must pass 40-minute theory test before driving

By KEVIN EASON, MOTORING EDITOR

QUESTIONS that thousands of learner drivers will have to answer in a written examination before they can take to the roads were disclosed for the first time yesterday.

Candidates will have up to 40 minutes to complete their questions, with a different paper for each category of learner — motorcyclists, and car, lorry, bus or coach drivers. The £70 million contract to administer the tests over the next five years was awarded yesterday to DriveSafe, a new company that will set up 130 centres to test more than one million learner drivers a year.

Already learners are rushing to take their tests to avoid answering the 35 multiple-

choice questions, selected randomly from more than 600 drawn from the Highway Code, but also demanding knowledge of driver attitudes, alcohol, fatigue and how vehicles affect the environment.

BSM, Britain's biggest driving school, said that the four-month waiting list for tests could grow as people tried to beat the July 1 deadline when the written test will be introduced. Nobody yet knows how many questions they will have to answer correctly to proceed to the practical driving test, but many learners face an examination with paper and pencil that they have not had since they left school.

The driving test was introduced on June 1, 1935, when the roads were virtually empty, motorways had not been invented and most cars had three gears and only enough power to carry a family of four at up to 50mph. Then motorists could get a full licence if they remembered their hand signals and avoided hitting stationary objects. Now there are more than 24 million vehicles, many capable of exceeding 100mph.

The theory test is currently limited to a few questions asked by the examiner from the passenger seat after the practical driving test is completed. With most European countries already operating a written examination, the Government decided that driving standards had to be raised. Candidates such as the disabled and those with dyslexia will get special help while papers will be printed in Welsh and six other ethnic minority languages.

There will be a six-month period of adjustment from July 1 so that the Driving Standards Agency, which awarded the contract, can assess how well the tests work and are administered. During that time, learners will be able to take their practical examination before the written test to avoid a backlog.

DriveSafe will set up the test centres, collect the fees of between £13 and £15, and print and mark the test papers. The company — a joint venture between Capita plc and the JHP Group — will also collect data for future research.



Stuart Barlow comforting Niklos Baumgartner after he broke down yesterday. He said: "I will never be a man again. My life is ruined"

## Businessman weeps over fatal break-in

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

A BUSINESSMAN involved in a fatal struggle with an alleged burglar he disturbed during a break-in at his home wept yesterday as he told how the experience had left him "scarred for life".

Niklos Baumgartner, 53, from Ockbrook, Derby, was speaking for the first time since the death of Robert Ingham, 22, at his five-bedroomed house on Saturday. At a press conference at the office of Stuart Barlow, his

solicitor, Mr Baumgartner shuffled in with a plaster cast on one wrist and a black eye suffered in the struggle. When asked to describe what effect the incident had had, he said: "I will never be a man again."

Mr Baumgartner, a Hungarian, broke down as his solicitor explained that although police had released him without charge, papers were being forwarded to the Crown Prosecution Service for consideration. Mr Barlow said his client could therefore answer no questions concerning the incident or his feelings towards Derbyshire police and their treatment of him.

The well-known local businessman, who runs a business laying tennis courts at homes around the country, said his wrist was broken in the scuffle. He said: "My body is full of bruises all over. I have black eyes and it is a job to see. I was terrified, terrified. I have broken down several times and am shaking like a leaf. I am frightened — my life is shattered." Mr Baumgartner then began to shake uncontrollably and was helped from the room on the point of collapse. His solicitor said: "Mr Baumgartner has experienced a terrifying ordeal and asks that his privacy and that of his wife be respected by all members of the press in order that he can make as speedy a recovery as possible."

A post-mortem examination on Mr Ingham has revealed that he died from a neck injury consistent with Mr Baumgartner's description of the struggle. Detectives have found signs of a forced entry at the house where he lives with his wife Linda, 46.

## Drink-driving rate rises in half police areas

POLICE forces analysing yesterday's drink-drive figures discovered wide disparities between areas with some recording an increase in offences and others markedly down.

Northamptonshire's rate of arrests fell by almost half, and Merseyside and Scotland were also substantially down. But drink-driving offences rose in about half the police areas reporting, including Suffolk, Lincolnshire, Dorset, North Yorkshire, Hampshire, Gloucestershire, Durham, Bedfordshire and Devon and Cornwall.

The pattern of offences seemed in part to follow the sweep of intensely cold weather over Christmas, which might have encouraged motorists to retreat to the warmth of their cars instead of

Regional police recorded widely differing failure rates for breath tests this Christmas, reports Kevin Eason

gambling on the uncertainty of public transport.

Drink-drivers were more likely to be middle-aged, outwardly respectable professionals. Better detection of likely offenders might also account for the rise in offences in traditionally "soft" areas. The drink-drive figures area by area are:

- Avon and Somerset: 6 per cent of nearly 600 tests positive.
- Bedfordshire: 62 motorists positive (59 last Christmas).
- Cambridgeshire: 37 drivers positive (51 last year); eight involved in accidents.
- Cheshire: 290 positive out of 9,690 tests (3 per cent); 24 drink-related accidents.
- Cleveland: 30 positive from 1,030 tests (3 per cent); 1475 last year. Three drink-related accidents.
- Devon and Cornwall: 130 positive, 20 per cent increase; 35 drink-related accidents (27 per cent up).
- Dorset: 125 of 1,574 drivers tested failed (7.9 per cent compared with 4 per cent last year).
- Durham: 52 positive (40 last year). Twenty drink-related accidents.
- Dyfed/Powys: 38 arrests, five

after road crashes (53 arrests last year).

- Essex: 83 out of 4,526 drivers over limit, down by 35 per cent.
- Gloucestershire: 53 drivers (41 last year) positive from 1,030 tests — almost double last year's testing.
- Greater Manchester: 336 arrests, down from 352.
- Gwent: 56 positive or refused sample, 3.9 per cent of more than 1,400 tests.
- Hampshire: 176 positive tests, up by 25 per cent.
- Hertfordshire: down 22 per cent at 53, 15 fewer than last Christmas. Nine drivers arrested after accidents.
- Kent: 100 drivers out of 1,254 over limit, a rate of 8 per cent (6.6 per cent last year).
- Lancashire: 289 positive, in-

## MP urges ban on alcohol juice ads

BY ALEXANDRA FREAN, MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR has called for a ban on advertisements for the new alcoholic lemonades, fruit juices and colas, which it believes are being aimed at under-age drinkers.

The drinks, such as Hooper's Hooch made by Bass and Two Dogs made by Merrydown, are as potent as strong lager.

Nigel Griffiths, Labour's consumer affairs spokesman, has written to the Advertising Standards Association to complain about a poster campaign for Hooper's Hooch, which features a cartoon lemon character. He said the advertisements appear to breach the association's rules on alcohol advertising, which ban "real or fictitious characters who are likely to appeal particularly to people under 18 in a way that would encourage them to drink."

The MP has also asked the association and the Director-General of Fair Trading to investigate the sale and marketing of the drinks.

Ian Morris, a director of communications for Bass, denied that Hooper's Hooch was being aimed at under-age drinkers. "If adults were to get the perception that it was a teenage product they would not drink it because it would not fit in with their lifestyle," he said.

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Rare species disappearing without trace

By Nick Nuttall, Environment Correspondent

TWENTY rare and exotic creatures could become extinct this year. The British centre monitoring the world's wildlife said yesterday that the animals were "critically endangered" by pollution, poaching and the booming human population.

Among the 20 are a small termite-eating marsupial called the numbat, the Mediterranean Monk seal and a fish from a tributary of the Danube. Several birds, the world's largest butterfly and a giant earwig are also at risk of joining the Round Island Boa snake, which disappeared from its Indian Ocean island in 1975; the Atitlan Giant Grebe, which became extinct in the 1980s in Guatemala; and Ivel's sea anemone, which disappeared from its only known home in Shetland-by-Sea, West Sussex, in 1983.

Martin Jenkins, a researcher with the World Conservation Monitoring Centre in Cambridge, said yesterday that pinpointing the next group of species which might be lost was an imprecise science. "Everyone assumes that there are legions of people out there keeping an eye on things. But there are really precious few. It may be that an animal not on our list has suddenly disappeared without

anyone realising," he said. "Man has been bumping things off since he first lit fires and the Polynesians in the Pacific got rid of many species before the Europeans arrived." However, he dismissed suggestions that most extinctions were part of a natural cycle involving only marginal intervention from mankind.

"You can establish a background extinction rate from the fossil records and a species appears to have a lifespan of about four million years. The current rate is, at the very least, ten times the background rate. I would suggest that more species are at risk in 1996 than 100 years ago," Mr Jenkins said.

The biggest threats now are to species, many of which have never been chronicled, in tropical forests. Dozens will be officially classed as "critically endangered" by the World Conservation Union in Gland, Switzerland, in the next few months.

Several British species, including varieties probably genetically unique, remain vulnerable. Examples include the New Forest cicada of which about ten are left, a species of ladybird spider called *Eresus niger* found at only one site, and the New Forest burnet moth found at a single site in Scotland.



The animals at risk: clockwise from top left, the numbat, black rhinoceros, Californian condor, giant panda, Spix's macaw, scimitar-horned oryx, Chinese alligator and the Seychelles magpie robin. Twelve other species are also under particular threat of extinction

Measles suspected in death of whales

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

MEDITERRANEAN whales are dying of an illness that scientists believe may be a type of measles, similar to an outbreak that killed more than 5,000 dolphins in 1991.

The bodies of four fin whales, or rorquals, were discovered on the shores of the western Mediterranean, between September and November. The whales all appeared to have died from the same illness and exhibited similar symptoms, including spots and evidence of a high fever.

The population of fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), the only Mediterranean whale, has shrunk to 5,000 and marine researchers fear the spreading virus may threaten the remaining population.

The dead whales all had reddish and spotted skins, "like the effect of acid on a coat of paint", according to a report by scientists at the University of Corsica in the French scientific journal *Research* this month. One young 10ft female whale that was washed up on a Corsican beach in September also had an abnormally high red blood-cell count, another characteristic of the measles virus.

Tissue samples have been sent to a laboratory at the University of Belfast to determine if the virus is similar to the "morbillivirus" that killed thousands of dolphins in the Mediterranean and the Atlantic. Last autumn several Pacific dolphins were also found to have died from the disease. Scientists tracking the fin whale population have noted a change in its habits over recent months. The mammals now stay close to the shore and dive only rarely.

While researchers suspect the whales are dying from a form of marine measles, pollution may also be contributing to the spread of the disease. The bloodstreams of the dead whales showed high levels of pesticides, lead, mercury and cadmium as a result of swimming in polluted waters. Such factors may have made the whales more susceptible to the virus, the report said.

The creatures unlikely to survive another year of attrition

□ The kouprey: a forest-dwelling ox down to between 100 and 300 animals. It lives in parts of Western Vietnam, Southern Laos, Cambodia and the Dongrak Mountains of Eastern Thailand. The only evidence that the ox still exists comes from hunters.

□ The kakapo: a flightless parrot, estimated to number just 47. Also known as the owl night bird, or owl parrot, it was once found across New Zealand, but the arrival of rats and stoats with settlers and the clearing of forests have devastated populations.

□ The St Helena giant earwig: discovered in 1798, was last seen in 1967. Samples of *Labidura herculeana* have measured up to 78mm long, making it one of the world's largest earwigs. The population may number about 100 - if the species survives at all.

□ The Lord Howe Island stick insect: has been seen alive only on this island, off the coast of New South Wales. Scientists considered *Dryococelus australis* extinct some time after the First World War, but some freshly dead remains were found in the 1960s on Ball's Pyramid, about 14 miles south of the main island.

□ Queen Alexandra's birdwing: the world's largest butterfly, (females have a 11in wing span, males a bit smaller) discovered in 1907 in Papua New Guinea by Lord Rothschild. *Ornithoptera alexandrae*'s habitat is about to be cleared for oil palm plantations.

□ The baiji: may number just a few dozen. Also known as the Yangtze river dolphin, it has been killed accidentally in significant numbers by fishing boats, and is being affected by industrial pollution and dam construction.

□ Spix's macaw: thought extinct in 1988, a victim of woodland clearance

and the pet trade in its home state of Bahia, Brazil. But a single male was discovered in 1990 and it is hoped it may mate with a female reintroduced from a private zoo.

□ The Mediterranean monk seal: believed to number about 650 and highly vulnerable because of a sharp decline in fish stocks, persecution by fishermen, and urbanisation and tourism along the Mediterranean and the Aegean seas. *Monachus monachus* has abandoned many breeding beaches in favour of caves where breeding success is poor.

□ The numbat: or banded ant eater lives in the eucalyptus forests of South Western Australia. There are now just two populations. The termite-eating marsupial has been harmed by the introduction of cats and foxes and the destruction of its habitat for fire control.

□ The golden bamboo lemur: discovered in 1987 in Eastern Madagascar. *Haploleirus aureus* appears dependent on the island's unique giant bamboo for food. The forest is being cleared.

□ The asprete: a small freshwater fish once bountiful in three Romanian rivers feeding the Arges, a tributary of the Danube, now numbers no more than a handful and may be extinct. *Romanichthys walsanicola* has been endangered by pollution and dam schemes which have harmed its habitat.

□ The other species facing extinction in the new year include the muriqui, a large primate in Brazil; the Javan rhinoceros; the scimitar-horned oryx, wiped out by hunters in four-wheel drives across Africa; the Californian condor of which only four are left in the wild; the Chinese alligator; Kemp's Ridley sea turtle; the giant panda; the black rhinoceros; and the Seychelles magpie robin.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Prisoners attacked child killer

Two prisoners who attacked the child murderer Robert Black were sentenced to three years. Leeds Crown Court was told that Craig Hendley, 25, and Andrew Wilson, 22, burnt, stabbed and slashed Black. The men, who admitted grievous bodily harm, launched the attack in an effort to get transferred from Wakefield jail, where Black, 48, is serving life for killing Susan Maxwell, Caroline Hogg and Sarah Harper.

Fourth charge

A cinema owner in North Wales already accused of three killings faced a new charge of murdering Henry Roberts, 53, of Caergeiliog, Colwyn Bay magistrates remanded Peter Moore, 49, of Kinnel Bay, for another week.

Runway scare

Holidaymakers returning to Britain from Amsterdam escaped injury when their aircraft overshot a runway by 20 yards. Sixty-seven passengers and six crew disembarked normally from the plane at East Midlands airport.

JCB man jailed

An unemployed construction worker banned from driving went shopping with a JCB digger. Andrew Morris, 27, from Ossett, West Yorkshire, was jailed for five months by Morley magistrates for driving while disqualified.

Britons held

Five Britons were remanded in custody by a court in Cartagena, southeast Spain, after being charged with using a motor-launch to smuggle an estimated four tonnes of hashish resin with a street value of £2.7 million.

False alarms

Police in Kent urged parents to stop young children playing with telephones after revealing they were responsible for more than 5,000 false emergency calls last year. Officers fear they could draw resources away from genuine cases.

Flab-fighters invade clubs in the search for fitness

By JOANNA BALE

HEALTH clubs and sports centres are enjoying their busiest time of year thanks to millions of new year resolutions to lose weight and improve fitness. Thousands of people prefer to join private health clubs rather than visit council leisure centres and, for regular users, they can offer value.

Holmes Place in the City of London charges £195 to join, then £650 a year for unlimited use of its fitness classes and facilities, including high-tech gym equipment, a swimming pool, a spa bath and saunas. Excluding the membership fee, that equates to £12.50 a week. There are also reduced rates for couples, off-peak and corporate membership.

At the council-run Kensington Sports Centre in central London, aerobics classes are £3.40 each and a swim is £2.10, although there is a reduced rate of £3.90 for a combined session. Three sessions a week cost £11.70.

Peter Lee-Jones, the manager of Holmes Place Barbican, which has 4,000 members,



January is the busiest month for health clubs

said: "We get many new members joining at this time of year, although we do limit the numbers. People come to us wanting to get fit and lose a few pounds. They are often very apprehensive and expect everyone to be very strict and wearing designer leotards, but they soon find out that that is not the case. Some do get disillusioned when they do not achieve the fast weight loss they are expecting, but others

are encouraged by a noticeable increase in fitness."

Caroline Clark of The Harbour Club in Chelsea, where the Princess of Wales works out nearly every day, said: "Private clubs tend to be open longer and offer more in the way of luxury and, if you lead a busy life and want to exercise regularly, then it really is worth paying a little bit extra."

At the Harbour Club, one of the country's most expensive private health clubs, full membership costs £2,400, which is resalable, plus an annual subscription of £1,209, the equivalent of £23.25 a week.

Ms Clark added: "January is always a very busy time for us with people wanting to start the new year by getting fitter and healthier. We expect inquiries to double, if not triple. People generally start as they mean to continue and we have a low rate of people leaving."

Many people find their willpower is bolstered by paying large sums of money to join a private club. Andy Howard of the Sebastian Coe Health Park in Manchester, where the joining fee is £50 and full membership £525 a year, said: "We get lots of new members in January and the odd one drops out, but most people who pay that much stick to their exercise regime."

Club Motivation at the Moat House Hotel in Washington, Tyne and Wear, costs £100 plus £450 a year for peak single membership.

For families who want to get fitter, not every private health club excludes children. The Copthorne Hotel in Birmingham is one of dozens of hotels that developed leisure facilities for guests, but then cashed in on wider demand for private sport and health clubs. Membership of its 11-stations health club costs £250 a year and for a family with two children the fee is £450.

A spokesman at the club said: "The family market was once the preserve of council-run leisure centres, but for families with children who want to exercise regularly we can work out cheaper."

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Dying wish of greatest ballerina 'was denied by money-grubbing husband'

Artist fights for return to Russia of Pavlova ashes

BY MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

ANNA PAVLOVA, the greatest ballerina the world has known, made a dying wish to return to her "beloved Russia" once communism had fallen...

made. No such request had been received. Mr Thomas said. "Anyway, the will stipulated that they could only be returned if due honour, dignity and the security of the ashes were guaranteed."

Pavlova is one of the more famous people in the cemetery, close to her London home

claims Pavlova, as a Russian Orthodox believer, would never have consented to cremation. "I'm sure Anna would have returned home to Russia earlier if she had not been prevented from doing so by Dandré, who was forbidden from going back because of fraud charges there."

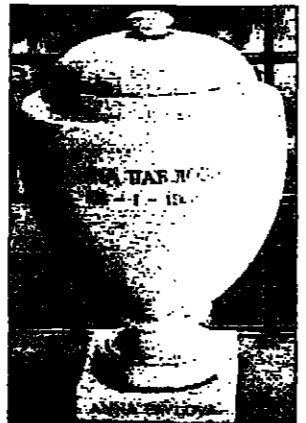
Pavlova, born in 1881, rapidly established herself as the most celebrated dancer of her time. Already a prima ballerina in 1906, she went to Paris on the historic tour of the Ballets Russes in 1909...

For the rest of her life, with various partners (including Laurent Novikov and Pierre Vladimirov) and companies, she was a wandering missionary for her art. Her performance is said to have left all those who saw her with a lasting memory of disciplined grace and poetic movement.

Pavlova had no children. Her home, by House in Hampstead, became famous for the ornamental lake with swans, symbolic of her most famous role, the Saint-Saëns dying swan, which she performed 4,000 times.

On her deathbed, she is reputed to have said "Prepare my swan costume", but Mr Thomassen said she really asked her maid to send back the designer dress she had recently bought in Paris and give the money to one of her orphanages.

She gave her name to pavlova, a marshmallow and meringue confection topped with whipped cream.



Pavlova's urn at Golders Green

in Highgate where she lived at the end of her life. Others include Sigmund Freud and Peter Sellers. Mr Thomas, a former director of communications for the Conservative Party, said there was no reason to return the ashes either to The Netherlands or Russia. He accused Mr Thomassen of being obsessive and his crusade was "misguided".

Mr Thomassen, however,



A 1910 portrait study of Anna Pavlova, the Russian ballerina who lived in London up to her death in 1931

EUROPEAN SUMMARY

Greek bid to put off succession

Athens: The press aide to Andreas Papandreu, the ailing Greek Socialist Prime Minister, warned Socialist deputies yesterday that attempts formally to replace him would be unconstitutional.

Telemachos Hytiris, the Press Minister and a confidant of Mr Papandreu's, said: "Any decision in the Prime Minister's absence would be a deviation from lawful procedures." The statement was seen as an attempt to scotch moves to find a successor to Mr Papandreu, who has been critically ill and politically inactive for 44 days.

Several Socialist deputies yesterday called for moves to fill the power vacuum. The constitution has no rule for the present circumstances but a decision is expected after a party central committee meeting on January 20.

Polish spy claim denied

Moscow: A former Russian spy said he would bring to light secret recordings to prove Polish agents had fabricated stories alleging Poland's Prime Minister, Jozef Oleksy, co-operated with the KGB.

Vladimir Alganov, a security officer at the Soviet Embassy in Warsaw in 1981-1992, said Polish agents had masterminded the charges to try to prevent Mr Oleksy gaining power. Mr Oleksy has said the allegations were based on evidence made up by embittered backers of former President Walesa. (Reuters)

Soares to give up politics

Lisbon: President Soares, Portugal's champion of democratic rule since the 1974 revolution, will leave politics when he steps down on March 8. Senator Soares, 71, head of the Socialist Party for more than a decade, has been Prime Minister three times and President twice.

Marshal Antonio de Spínola, 85, Portugal's first President after the 1974 revolution, is in hospital with a respiratory infection. (Reuters)

New Austrian finance chief

Vienna: Franz Vranitzky, the Austrian Chancellor, named Viktor Klima as Finance Minister after the resignation of Andreas Staribacher. Herr Klima, 48, a member of the Social Democrats, was Minister for State Industry and Transport. Herr Staribacher, 38, quit after just nine months in office, saying he was disillusioned. (Reuters)

Renault boss investigated over phone taps

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

LOUIS SCHWEITZER, the chairman of Renault, the French car manufacturer, has been placed under formal legal investigation for alleged involvement in a government telephone-tapping scandal.

The investigation, under French laws protecting personal liberty, is the latest embarrassing chapter in a sordid saga dating back to the mid-1980s. The phones of several hundred people, including prominent political and economic figures and journalists, lawyers and artists, were allegedly bugged by the anti-

terrorist unit at the Elysée Palace between 1983 and 1989 when François Mitterrand was President. The so-called "Elysée eavesdropping affair" is just one of several damaging scandals left from the corruption-plagued Socialist presidency.

M. Schweitzer, 53, was formally placed under investigation by Judge Jean-Pierre Valat last November, but the legal inquiry was not disclosed until yesterday. A Renault spokesman said yesterday that M. Schweitzer had not yet appeared before a magistrate, but the investigation marks the first stage of a process that could result in a full-scale criminal trial. Four of M. Mitterrand's associates, in-

cluding two police officials, are already under investigation in connection with the affair.

M. Schweitzer is believed to have countersigned telephone-tapping instructions issued by Gilles Ménage, one of M. Mitterrand's top aides, who went on to head EDF, the state-owned electricity company. M. Ménage is also under investigation in the case, along with Christian Prouteau, the former head of the anti-terrorist unit who later co-ordinated security for the 1992 Albertville Winter Olympic Games.

Investigating magistrates have reportedly collected thousands of computerised records compiled by the anti-terrorist squad, containing detailed in-

formation on relatives and friends of those people whose telephones were tapped, including several close associates of M. Mitterrand.

If the former government officials are eventually found guilty of abusing their authority by infringing individual liberty, they could face ten-year prison sentences. A lesser charge of invasion of privacy carries a sentence of up to three years.

M. Schweitzer, the great-nephew of Nobel prize winner Albert Schweitzer, was awarded the Legion of Honour in recognition of his political work. He was M. Fabius's chief aide from 1981 until 1986 when he joined Renault, the state-owned car company.



Schweitzer: top aide in Socialist Government

Price of olive oil 'set to double'

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

THE price of olive oil is expected to double this year as a result of one of the Mediterranean's worst droughts this century, according to figures announced yesterday by the producers' association in Spain, one of the major olive-growing regions.

Both the Spanish association, Asoliva, and the Spanish agricultural union, Asaja, are demanding an urgent subsidy from the European Union to stop the price rise and to discourage European users from switching to cheaper oils.

"The harvest is going on now and, although it is still difficult to calculate, we expect exports to be almost halved," said Juan Vicente Gómez Moya, director of Asoliva, yesterday.

He said the latest figures for exports to the United Kingdom showed that sales had already dropped 20 per cent last year because of price rises, and gave a warning that there was also a bad harvest in Italy and Greece, the other two main EU producers.

"We need immediate help from the European Union," said José Ramón Díaz, the spokesman for Asaja. "There is no European oil lake to make up the shortfall for the export market." He said that the present EU subsidies of

€1.26 per kilogram for producers and 11p per litre bottle were too little.

One reason why olive oil may not get an emergency subsidy, however, is because the Socialist Government in Madrid seems surprisingly unconcerned, even though the harvest will be down to about 275,000 tonnes compared with 480,000 tonnes last time.

"We have 180,000 tonnes in reserve," said a spokesman at the Ministry of Agriculture, "and the shortfall in olive oil for non-producing EU countries can be made up with imports from Tunisia and Turkey, since import taxes have now been reduced."

Bosnian Serbs 'abducted 17'

FROM STACY SULLIVAN IN SARAJEVO

THE Bosnian Government has said that at least 17 people have been kidnapped by the Bosnian Serbs since December 22 after being dragged from their vehicles on a road recently opened by the Nato peace implementation force (Ifor). They are said to be detained in Iidza, a Serb-held suburb of Sarajevo.

Nato officials say the Government's claims are unsubstantiated and that Ifor has received no formal complaint about the disappearances. Nevertheless, a Bosnian government minister said lists of the 17 people, with the dates and details of the kidnappings, were presented

to Ifor on five separate occasions, as well as an appeal to Ifor to seek their release.

In a letter dated December 29 to General Louis Zeller, the French commander of the ground forces around Sarajevo, Hasan Muratovic, a Bosnian government minister, listed three men who had been abducted, with a description and registration number of the lorry they had been driving.

Yesterday, the Government gave Ifor a list of 17 names and dates. Mr Muratovic said that he had also discussed the issue

with General Zeller's deputy on December 28 and that other government officials mentioned the abductions at joint military meetings attended by Ifor and Bosnian Serb officials. The United Nations police force, Civpol, had also sent a report to Ifor after a Bosnian government liaison officer told the agency about the disappearances.

Ifor officials have denied any knowledge about the disappearances and said that in any case such abductions are civil matters and not do not come within Ifor's mandate.

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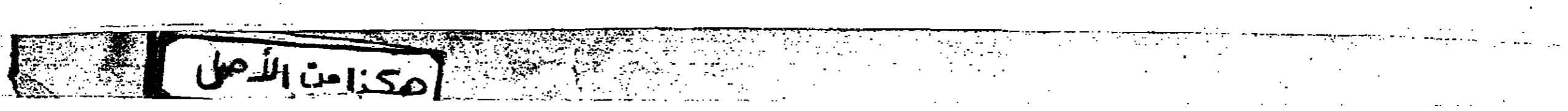


Mussolini wins contest

Rachele Mussolini, a 21-year-old sociology student and granddaughter of the late dictator, poses after winning a Miss Italy beauty contest in Rome yesterday. Signorina Mussolini is the daughter of Romano Mussolini, the jazz-playing rebel son of Il Duce. Her half-sister Alessandra, right, unsuccessfully ran as the right-wing National Alliance candidate for mayor of Naples last year. (AP)



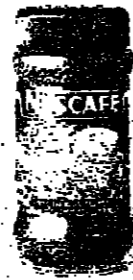
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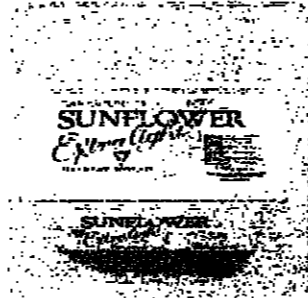
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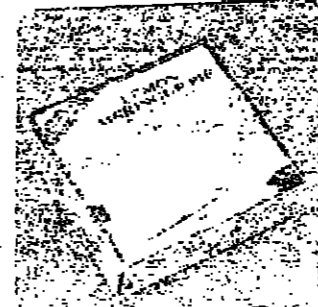
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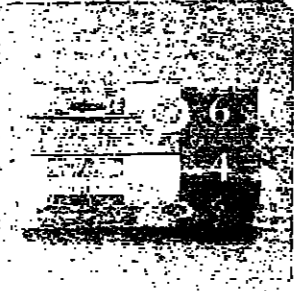
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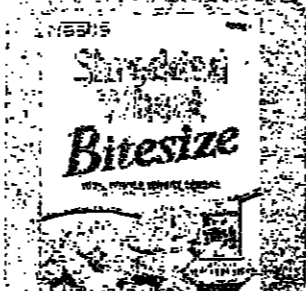
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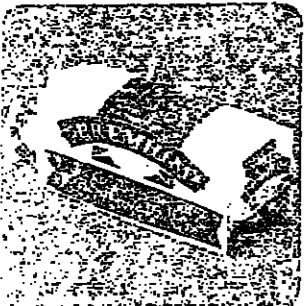
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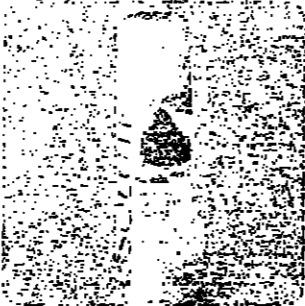
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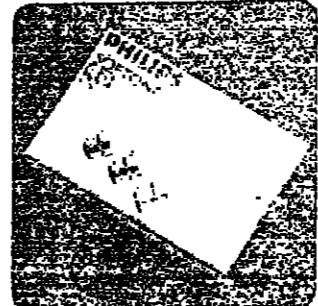
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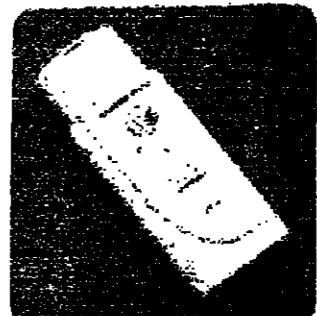
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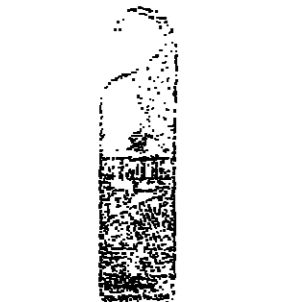
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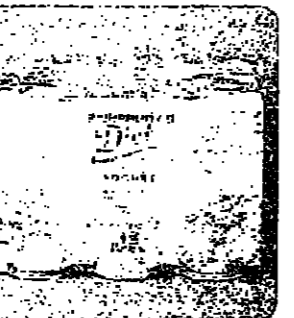
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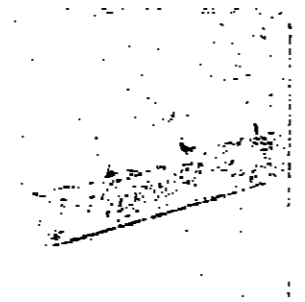
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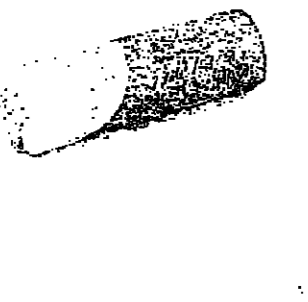
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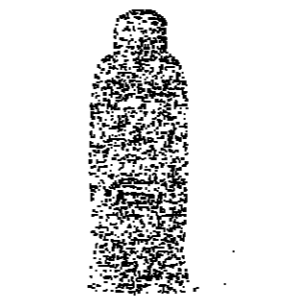
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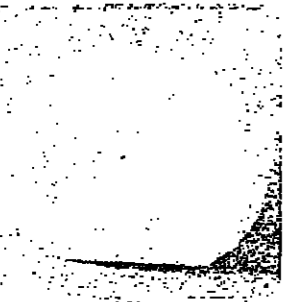
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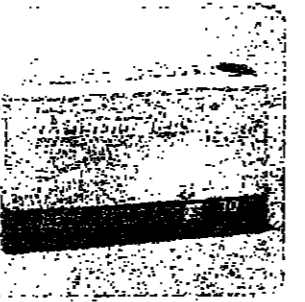
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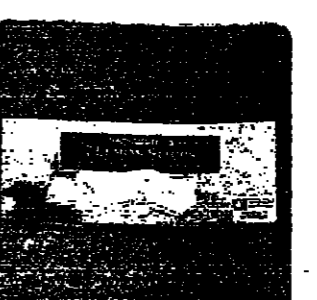
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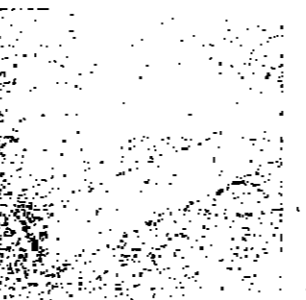
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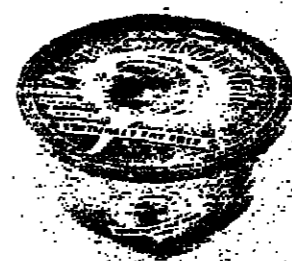
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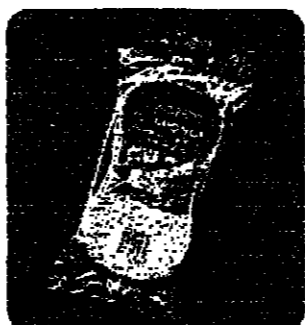
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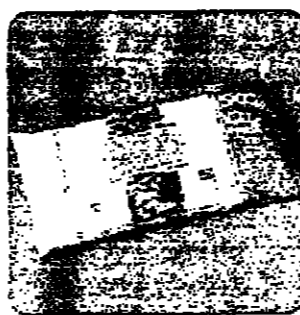
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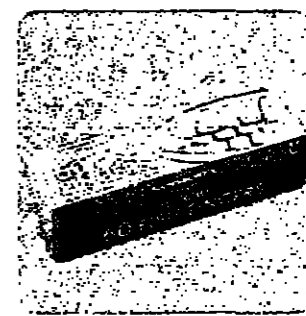
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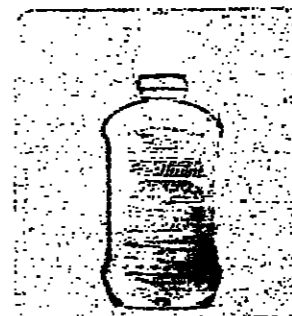


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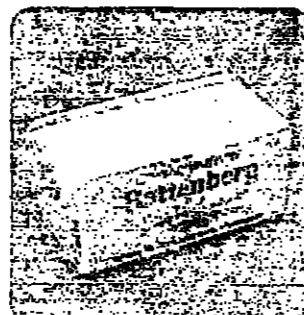


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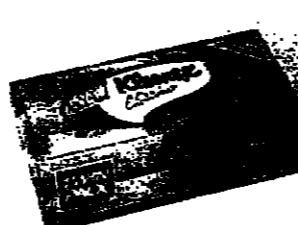
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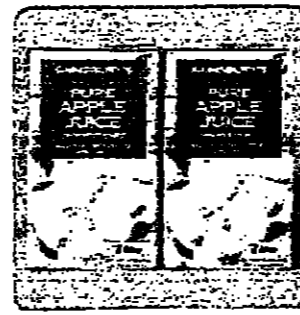
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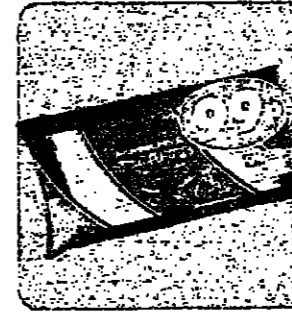
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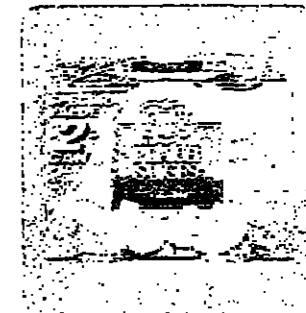
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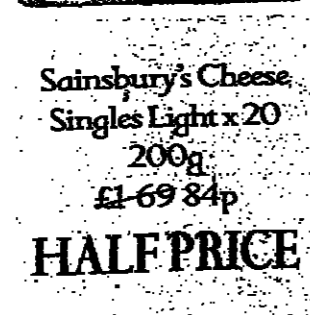
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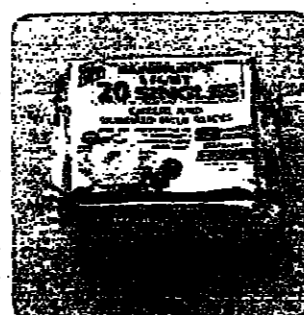
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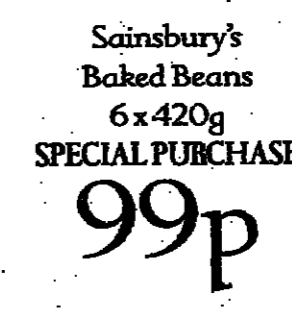
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# Brazilians find 4,000 trapped in slavery

FROM GABRIELLA GAMINI IN BAURU, SÃO PAULO STATE

MORE than 4,000 people have been found by the Brazilian authorities working in conditions of virtual slavery in five ranches just outside the small town of Bauru in São Paulo state.

Organisations representing the country's landless groups blame the situation on the Government which, they say, has done little to push through much needed land reforms. "Land is in the hands of a few powerful people and on their territory they can do as they please," Nilson Costa, a member of one of the main groups, said. "We have made international organisations aware of this situation. But as yet there has been no change."

Among the 4,000 "slaves" was Ana Maria de Almeida, who has spent most of her 14 years shackled with rusty chains to the trees in the pine plantations of southern Brazil. She has never been to school nor seen outside the wire fences that surround them.

She and her two younger brothers, who are nine and ten, are forced to work from dawn to dusk, extracting a thick, brown resin from the trees used to manufacture products such as chewing gum and glue which are exported to the United States and Europe. In return, they earn a meagre daily ration of beans and rice.

Like hundreds of other children working the ranches that lie along a railway line linking the industrial capital of São Paulo to the agriculturally rich west of the state, they are tied to the trees to prevent them from escaping. The sores on their hands and infected cuts on their legs are a result of the careless use of sulphuric acid that they spray on to diagonal cuts made in the tree trunks to activate the flow of the rubbery resin.

Ana Maria's father, João Buenos, 58, who has been left



Peter Bleach, a Briton, is escorted from a court in Purulia, West Bengal, after being remanded in custody on Monday for a week. He and five Latvians were arrested by the Indian authorities on suspicion that an aircraft they were flying had dropped weapons including assault rifles and rocket-launchers into a rural area near the border with Bangladesh. They were detained by the police after two Indian jet fighters forced their Russian-built cargo aircraft to land in Bombay on December 22. The police said the aircraft belonged to the Hong Kong-based Carol Airlines, owned by Kim Peter Davy, a New Zealander, who is alleged to have fled after the plane landed. The Purulia court also remanded the Latvian crew in custody. (AP)

# Hope for peace in custody battles

FROM AGENCE FRANCE-PRESS IN SYDNEY

WITH a rising divorce rate and acrimonious custody disputes clogging its courts, Australia has a possible solution to the problem of couples squabbling over parental access visits: exchange centres.

An \$Aus5 million (£2.4 million) network of nine centres was announced last week by Michael Lavarch, the Attorney-General, who said they would seek to "reduce the risks of violence and minimise emotional trauma" for the children as well as the parents.

The move follows community discussion and research into what the courts call "complex contact cases" of intractable dispute between parents.

The centres were recommended as a possible remedy in a report last April by the Australian Law Reform Commission. Michael Ryland, the commissioner, said that it was very important to make sure there were mechanisms to deal with conflict between separated parents, and the centres served this role.

"In many cases, every time a parent turns up for access to the children, huge and horrendous fights erupt and after a few months of this, inevitably a parent returns to the courts and applies to change the custody order," he said. The centres would take custody out of an environment that was prone to dispute.

Mr Lavarch said that in most cases, separated parents were able to put their differences aside for their children's benefit. "But there are a proportion of cases where access is often denied," he said.

Sometimes the custodial parent was fearful for his or her own safety. In other cases, the relationship between the parents was so bad that it hindered the children's right to have access to both parents.

Welfare officials were also concerned that some changes were happening in unsuitable places ranging from the steps of police stations to car parks of fast-food restaurants.

"Now that isn't the best sort of atmosphere for children, and the idea behind these centres is to take it out of that sort of atmosphere and into a safe and secure atmosphere," Mr Lavarch said.

The centres will have separate entrances so that parents would not have to see or speak to each other at all during the exchange.

In some cases, where a poor relationship between the parents makes any contact very difficult, these services will allow the children to continue contact with both parents," Mr Lavarch said.

Mr Ryland said that the commission had looked at the extreme 1 per cent of custody cases. "A couple can appear in court more than 20 times over a single application... it shows something is not working in the way the family court is dealing with these cases."

# Black Watch denies inquiry allegations over triad links

FROM JONATHAN BRAUDE IN HONG KONG

THE British garrison headquarters in Hong Kong last night strongly denied a local newspaper story alleging investigations into links between Black Watch servicemen and the colony's notorious triad gangs.

The garrison statement, issued only after the story was quoted in *The Times* yesterday, said the Royal Hong Kong Police and the Independent Commission Against Corruption (Icac) had confirmed that there were no investigations into links between soldiers and organised crime syndicates.

Kieron Flynn, the journalist who wrote the original article, stood by the story, however. He said the *Eastern Express* newspaper had "no problems" with the story, which said at least 12 soldiers had become full members of the Sun Yee On triad after moonlighting as bouncers in Hong Kong bars.

The article claimed that they had been brought back to the colony for interviews and had been given guarantees that they would not be prosecuted.

The garrison statement said no soldiers from the Black Watch had been brought back for that or any other investigation and "no certificate of immunity from prosecution has been issued to any member of the Black Watch... by the police, who have no right to do so. We have today confirmed that the Director of Public Prosecutions, who does have this power, has also not issued any such certificate of immunity."

The garrison also attacked the *Eastern Express* for failing to print its statement that it had no knowledge of such an investigation, no records of any request for assistance by the police and no evidence of any servicemen being returned to Hong Kong for investigation.

The *Times* yesterday reported a similar statement from the garrison, but also quoted a spokesman saying: "I can't give you a categorical denial."

So far, neither the police nor the garrison has denied, or formally addressed, the assertion that Black Watch soldiers had joined the Sun Yee On triad.

# Colony's young 'want to leave'

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY IN HONG KONG

MORE than 40 per cent of Hong Kong's young would like to leave the colony before the Chinese takeover in 1997, according to an opinion poll.

They said they would go abroad if they could because of China's threat to freedom and human rights after the transfer of sovereignty. They were also concerned about corruption, crime, and the difficulty of getting a job.

The poll, of 1,660 people between the ages of 15 and 24, was conducted by the University of Hong Kong's Institute of Pacific Studies and one of the district boards, a local authority. The organiser, Dr Timothy Wong, said that young people who know about political conditions in China from what they read in the press, were asking themselves if the same conditions would develop in Hong Kong after 1997.

Dr Wong painted a picture of cynical Hong Kong young people who feel politically helpless and distrust the Civil Service. Almost a quarter are unaware that they have the right to vote.

# World conflicts on increase, says US pro-military lobby

BY EVE-ANN PRENTICE AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE world suffered a record 71 conflicts last year, according to an American group that opposes military spending cuts in the United States.

The tally, one more than in 1994, was double the number logged by the National Defence Council Foundation in 1989, the year the Berlin Wall came down. The foundation lists any country where turmoil has disrupted economics, politics or security.

Andrew Messing, the foundation's executive director, said that despite progress towards peace last year in the Middle East, Ireland and the former Yugoslavia, "we're having a problem generating peace worldwide."

The main dangers emerging in the post-Cold War era were nuclear and biological weapons proliferation, the growing militarisation of China, and violence related to drug trafficking.

The foundation's listing includes bloodshed from Afghanistan to Yemen and in countries as diverse as the Comoros, near Madagascar, which suffered an attempted coup, and the United States, included because of drug violence and organised crime.

Mark Mansfield, a spokesman for the CIA, said the agency had counted 27 conflicts during the year. Last spring, the Washington-based Centre for Defence Information, a liberal-leaning research group, found 20 active wars and a dozen less intense or latent conflicts.

In Britain, Professor Alexander Kennaway, senior lecturer at the Conflict Studies Research Centre at Sandhurst, said: "Did you ever believe that the Warsaw Pact was going to attack Nato, or vice versa? I didn't, and I think the world is a more dangerous place now because of the absence of coherent policy in the former Soviet Union."

Countries that were added to the foundation's list of conflict areas last year were Bangladesh, the Comoros, Djibouti, France, Ghana, Libya, Mali, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, and Spain.

Countries dropped from the list were the Bahamas, Belize and Costa Rica; Ireland and Britain, because of the reduced threat from Irish terrorism; and Mozambique, Malawi, and Turkmenistan, with less political violence.

# Germ war on toads

A VIRUS from Venezuela is being tested by Australian scientists as a new weapon against the horde of cane toads spreading across the country (Nick Nuttall writes).

The giant poisonous toads, brought into Australia in the 1930s to munch their way through sugar cane bugs and pests, have become a scourge. Scientists fear the creatures are threatening native wildlife. The toads, which now

number several million, have also attacked and eaten cats and dogs. They can kill a pet in 30 seconds by squirting it with a poisonous liquid.

Attempts to kill off the species proved futile, but the discovery of a virus-like disease called iridio in South America has given scientists hope. It is being tested at the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation in Sydney.

# American diners toy with butterflies in the stomach

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THERE may soon come a day in America when having a fly in your soup is a cause not for complaint but for celebration.

Entomologists and farmers specialising in what is known as "micro-livestock" are striving to convince Americans that insects such as grasshoppers and termites make a tasty, protein-rich source of food. Customers cannot yet pick up a serving of deep-fried ant larvae or mashed grubs with their hamburger at the local fast-food joint, but they can now buy a variety of insect snacks.

David Fluker, a Louisiana farmer who supplies insects to 2000 and pet shops, recently started marketing freeze-dried, oven-roasted crickets dipped in chocolate or covered in spicy Cajun sauce for \$1.89 (£1.20) a packet.

Asian groceries are meanwhile stocking exotic specialties such as canned silkworm pupae fried with onion and spices, and giant waterbugs. The trend is catching. Several insect cookbooks have been published, including *Butterflies in My Stomach, Unconventional Cuisine and Entertaining with Insects*, which is about to go into its third edition. A quarterly *Food Insects Newsletter*, produced

brought from England, on display in New England, they refused even to eat the plentiful local lobsters, she says, because they had eight legs and were considered insects.

The cause got an unexpected boost this year, however, when Scott O'Grady, the US Air Force pilot, was shot down over Bosnia-Herzegovina and survived for days on insects.

Grubco Inc, an Ohio firm that grows moth and beetle larvae, reported a sharp increase in public enquiries about eating insects.

Dale Cochran, the company president, says, however, that the demand for edible insects is largely limited to diners thrown by entomological societies.

Insect harvesting is best done by professionals. Of the million known insect species, only about 1,000 are suitable for human consumption. As a rough rule, humans should avoid colourful bugs or insects that taste bad.

Experts offer these other tips: hairy caterpillars should be turned inside out and gutted; termites should be killed by biting down on their heads; cicadas should be skewered lengthwise and soaked overnight in salt water; palm



Tasty bites: caterpillars, crickets and cicadas are a new food trend

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# Middle East threatened with 'mutiny and revolt'

A LEADING Arab intellectual has delivered a warning that, despite Israel-Arab peace moves, the Middle East faces an explosion of social and economic discontent.



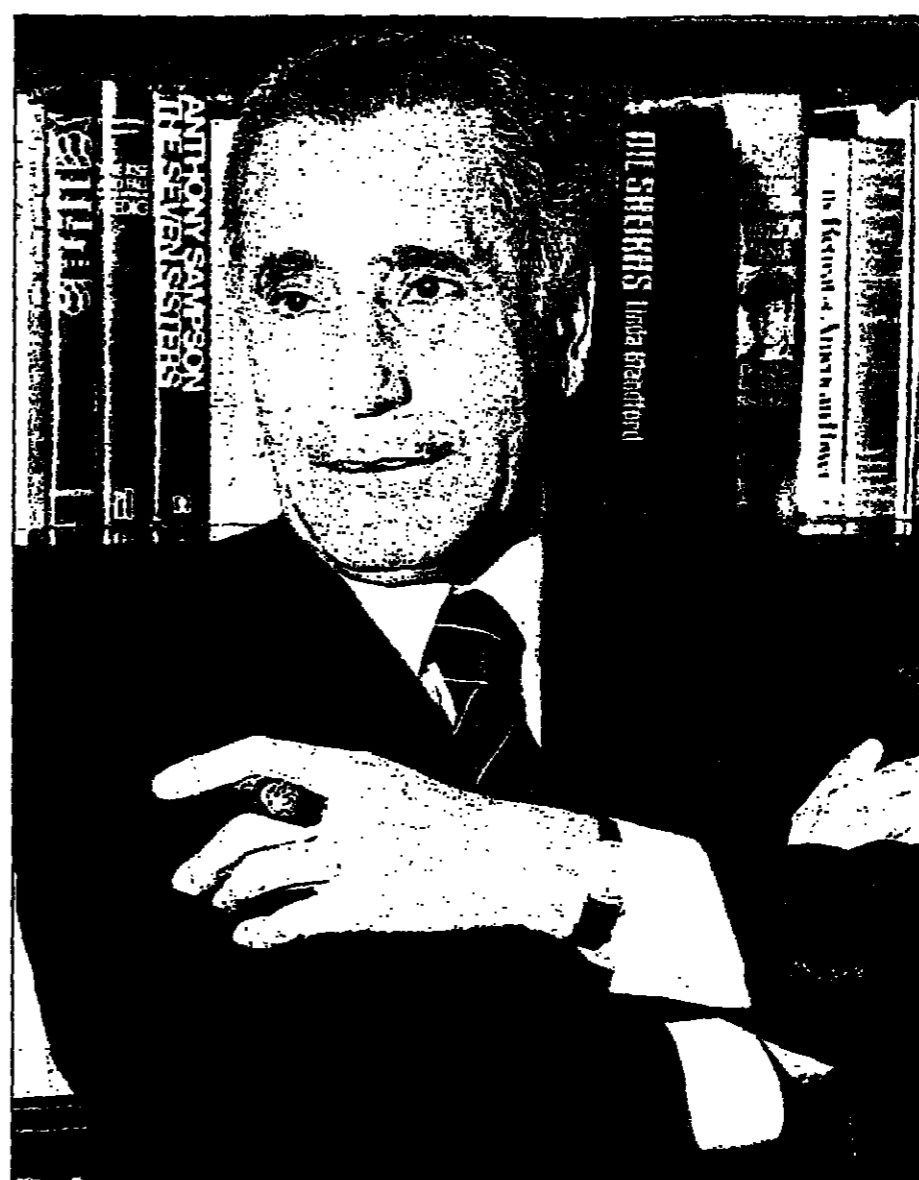
Arab leaders have failed to solve the economic and social tensions in their own countries, a leading Egyptian author tells Richard Owen

At least the semblance of Arab unity, of Arab nationalism. Now even that is gone. There is a dearth of ideas.

Secret Channels by Mohamed Heikal is published on January 8 by HarperCollins at £25.

state, nor did they get any control over Jerusalem. I do not think the deal will survive for long.

Saudi wealth and now resents the all-pervasive control of the Royal Family. They want a share of power, and do not accept the monopoly of all wealth and political decisions by the House of Saud.



Mohamed Heikal, the writer, who predicts the Middle East could explode

## Egyptian Cabinet resigns

Cairo: Atef Sedki, the Prime Minister of Egypt, and his Cabinet resigned yesterday after nine years in office, the official Menz news agency said.

Kamal el-Ganzoury, 62, the Deputy Prime Minister, said he had been asked by President Mubarak to form a new government. The action came less than a month after Egyptians chose a new parliament in elections that were criticised as a half-hour emergency session.

## Banned skater marries again

Los Angeles: Tonya Harding, whose first husband helped to destroy her figure-skating career two years ago, has remarried (Giles Whittell writes). Ms Harding was banned for life from competitions after her chief rival, Nancy Kerrigan, was attacked on the eve of the US national figure-skating championships in 1994. Pictures of her wedding to Michael Smith were sold for \$6,600.

## First meal for Seoul protester

Seoul: Chun Doo Hwan, the jailed former South Korean President, ate his first solid meal — boiled mushrooms, shredded beef in soy sauce, and rice porridge — after ending his three-week hunger strike to protest his innocence on charges of masterminding the 1979 military coup. Prosecutors have resumed questioning him in hospital. (AFP)

## Indonesia hit by tidal wave

Paler: Indonesian police said that at least eight people had been killed by a tidal wave after an earthquake measuring 7.0 on the Richter scale hit Indonesia's Sulawesi island on New Year's Day. Officials said that at least 384 buildings had been damaged by the quake. (Reuter)

## Bridal suite

Taipei: A couple in Taiwan are to marry in a 6,400,000 public bathroom they built themselves. Five other couples will marry in the bathroom, lavishly decorated and located in a park in central Taiwan, on January 14. (Reuter)

# Saudi change raises doubts over Western arms contracts

By MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

THE change at the top of the Saudi ruling family, with King Fahd taking a back seat after 13 years, will create new uncertainties over the defence and security relationship forped with the West before and since the 1991 Gulf War.

despite stiff competition from America, as a result of hard-sell tactics, long-standing contacts and a personal rapport with King Fahd. Baroness Thatcher, when she was Prime Minister, John Major, and a queue of senior Cabinet ministers have visited King Fahd over the past ten years to keep the arms export agreement on course.

Western ground forces, despite pressure from the Allies. It took a personal telephone call from Mr Major to King Fahd to persuade the Saudi monarch to allow six RAF Tornados to remain based at Dhahran as part of the combat air patrol of Iraq south of the 32nd parallel.

Fahd. The Al-Yamamah agreements were based on a firm understanding between Britain and Saudi Arabia. As one defence industry source said: "Al-Yamamah will continue for as long as there is that understanding between the two governments."

## US calm over Fahd handover

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE transfer of power from King Fahd to Crown Prince Abdullah caused faint apprehension in Washington yesterday. King Fahd has always been a strong and reliable American ally, as he proved during the Gulf War, but the Crown Prince is believed to be more conservative and more of an Arab nationalist.

Saudi Arabia is the world's largest oil exporter and America's main supplier, and there is some concern that the Crown Prince could cut production to raise prices. Shibley Telhami, a Middle East expert at Cornell University, said yesterday, however, that "market considerations are going to be dominant".

## Husain to honour Rabin in Tel Aviv

By MICHAEL BINYON, DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

KING HUSAIN of Jordan, whose funeral tribute to Yitzhak Rabin was considered among the most moving, will open a trauma unit next week named after the late Israeli Prime Minister at the Tel Aviv hospital where he died.

was negotiated to present with Shimon Peres, the Israeli Prime Minister, peace medals to the two chief negotiators — Fayed Tarawneh, now Jordan's Ambassador in Washington, and Eliakim Rubenstein, Israel's representative.

# Hamas withdrawal undermines Palestinian poll

FROM ROSS DUNN IN JERUSALEM

THREE Islamists, the only real opposition to Yasser Arafat, the PLO chairman, suddenly withdrew from the first Palestinian elections yesterday, throwing the credibility of the contest further into doubt.

withdrawal of the Islamists coincided with the announcement by the Palestinian Central Election Commission yesterday that the campaign for the January 20 poll is now officially under way. The date had been brought forward but, after criticism by European Union and other international election monitors that the campaigning period was not long enough, it has again been put back.

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text of the law, it should be composed of independent, neutral judges and high academics but in practice it is headed by a Fatah personality ... and there are another three pure Fatah members on the commission, which is in breach of the law."

Mr Khatib said, however, that there was also a positive side to the elections. "In the short term they will strengthen the position of Mr Arafat, but in the long term they are an educational process and should end up improving the sense of democracy. They will gradually create a system of accountability and transparency leading to efficiency in the political structure," he said.

## Broadway balks at stars' soaring pay

FROM JAMES BONE IN NEW YORK

THE last time Julie Andrews appeared on Broadway 30 years ago, she got \$1,250 a week to star in My Fair Lady. Now playing on the Great White Way once again in Victor/Victoria, she pulls in \$50,000 a week plus profit-sharing.

\$72,000 a week and still look forward to 5 per cent of the show's net profits. The pattern is repeated across Broadway, as costly musicals come to dominate and traditional plays by such names as Neil Simon, Tom Stoppard and David Mamet flee to cheaper venues.



Julie Andrews in the film version of Victor/Victoria. On Broadway the role is earning her \$72,000 a week

## Caribbean island ends volcano alert

FROM REUTER IN PLYMOUTH, MONTSERRAT

THOUSANDS of residents of this British territory returned home yesterday as the threat from the Caribbean island's rumbling volcano eased enough to end a month-long evacuation order, the authorities said.

rock after being largely inactive for more than 100 years. Continued activity after that explosion prompted an evacuation of the southern portion of the island in August. That relocation ended after two weeks when the volcano again became quiet. In November the activity began again.

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# Thinking thin for spring



**W**ith temperatures recently at an all-time low, it may seem odd to be looking at the new season's styles. But rather like the holiday industry, the fashion business functions with its finger permanently on the fast-forward button.

The *Times* asked leading names in the fashion world to gaze into the near future to foretell what looks will be hot and what the must-have items will be this year.

The overall mood appears to be pared-down and pin-thin. Silhouettes stay close to the body, and superfluous detail is dispensed with. The accent is on shape, colour and fabric: black and white offset with sharp citrus hues (lime green, lemon yellow, orange) or any

shade of blue from sky to midnight. Pattern is, once again, big news.

Matr jersey makes a comeback, as does shantung. Both were favourites in the 1970s. Nylon and polyester are now elevated to the high-fashion catwalk as designers take inspiration from the dowdy and downtrodden — also known as "trailer-park chic".

The cleverer designers have simply refocused their vision by re-evaluating and repackaging the classics. They offer a wardrobe which is both comfortable and easy, certainly something to look forward to.

**DONNA KARAN**  
Fashion designer  
Hot new looks: body-slung, bias-cut hipster pants and skirts (any length — it's up to

the woman who wears them); midriff shells (button-back, sleeveless tops revealing the midriff); leather pieces; colourful new fabrics — stretch synthetics, glazed linen, shantung and stretch jersey.

Personal must-have items: a white leather jacket or coat, bias-cut trousers, jersey shirt and skirt, kaftan tunic, cashmere sweaters, a citrus, double-faced clutch coat, and an evening wrap.

**ALEXANDRA SHULMAN**  
Editor, *Vogue*  
This spring's fashion must-have will be the button-through dress which can be worn a million ways and found everywhere, from international designers to the high street. The low-heeled Gucci slingback is winning, too.

**FLORENCE TORRENS**  
PR, Russell & Bromley  
The new flat shoe is a must for 1996: wearable and utterly modern. Square-cut with a low block heel, it is the wear-anywhere pump. Toe thongs are the summer sandals, always square cut & block heeled. They put toes on display with the newest colour for nails: white. The shoulder-bag makes a comeback. Best are slim shapes with "midi"-length straps designed to fit neatly under the arm. Anything in citrus brights.

**BETTY JACKSON**  
Fashion designer  
What will make headlines in 1996? The return of the long skirt — and new, modern fabrics. What new looks will be hot in the new year? Simple, streamlined shapes with minimal details, monotone and bold blocks of colour, flat sandals. Must-have items: wrap sunglasses and the streamlined zip windcheater jacket.

**GIANNI VERSACE**  
Fashion designer  
Revised classics. Long forgotten garments such as the shirtwaister can be reclaimed with a new attitude and earn their place of honour in women's wardrobes both for day and evening wear. Black and white are the indisputable stars with flashes of bold, almost fluorescent colours. Fabrics will be light, diaphanous, transparent and feminine to emphasize this "soft and light" style.

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**PAUL FRITH**  
Fashion designer  
Headlines: showgirls and strippers in sequins and beads, pearls and bows with sassy slingbacks. Think Vegas and motel, sleazy neon and glitz. Taffeta for day. Polyester for evening. Must-haves: a lime satin, puff-sleeve shirt-dress, a fawn knee-length pencil skirt worn with a cashmere sleeveless top.

**LISA ARMSTRONG**  
Associate editor, *Vogue*  
The news now is in cult items — as opposed to entire looks — that will update existing clothes in your wardrobe: the Gucci silver G hipster belt, the short-strap, U-shaped bag, the flat flip-flop.

**GIANFRANCO FERRE**  
Fashion designer  
Intentionally I fine-tuned my fashion vision even further this season, choosing to eliminate all overlapping, encumbering elements. For daytime: a black stretch suit, a jacket that naturally defines the body, tapered pants or long skirt. For evening: essential tunics in essential colours (white, blue and red) made glamorous by embroideries and sequin paillettes.

**CLEMENTS RIBEIRO**  
Fashion design team  
Headlines: bold use of prints, clashing florals, stripes and checks. Off-the-wall prints which look like 1950s-1970s wallpaper designs. Synthetic chic: the gentrification of polyester and nylon. Must-haves: striped cashmere twinset, suit with a shirt which doubles as a jacket, diagonal check skirt and stretch cashmere mismatching top, floral print

Shape of things to come: **DONNA KARAN**, centre, offers an evening wrap which is simply gorgeous. Karan has pared down her summer collection into elemental essentials.

**RALPH LAUREN**, left, steals the show with his shantung silk shirtwaister dress. The button-through dress is this season's must-have and will be available at every price.

**JIL SANDER**, right, makes glamorous basics the basis for this summer's wardrobe.

Photographs by **CHRIS MOORE**

shirtwaister. All these items make up the two newest directional fashion looks: suburban couture and 1970s housewife chic.

**KARL LAGERFELD**  
Fashion designer  
Colour is back and minimalism will lead to boredom in the end. For the rest, let's wait for the collections.

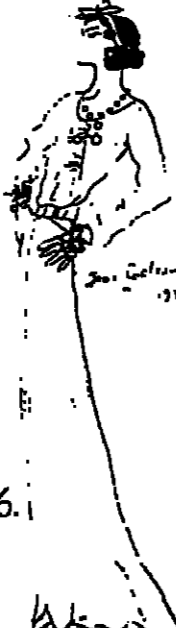
**GLENDA BAILEY**  
Editor, *Marie Claire*  
Anything in shantung, especially Ralph Lauren's shirt-dress in blue or dark oyster. Whistles has done a more affordable version.



GUCCI, left, has accessories to die for — the hipster belt, thigh sandal and shoulder bag. Centre, CALVIN KLEIN's bold black and white silhouette. Right, BETTY JACKSON's streamlined jacket.

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# Why your child's EQ can matter more than IQ

What is intelligence? Is it something that can simply be measured by IQ tests, or does it depend on emotions, and the way they are controlled? A new book, which has leapt to the top of the bestseller lists in America, explores the way we behave and what that reveals about our abilities. Next week, *Emotional Intelligence*, by Daniel Goleman, is published in Britain.

The best way to understand "emotional intelligence" is to consider a group of four-year-old children which is offered a tempting choice: they can have, as a treat, one marshmallow each; what is more, they can have it now — instant gratification. On the other hand, by waiting until their teacher returns from running an errand, they can have two marshmallows.

It is a battle between impulse and restraint, desire and self-control. Some of the children hesitate momentarily, then, as soon as the teacher has left the room, grab their single marshmallows. Others, however, wait for what must seem an endless 15 to 20 minutes, covering their eyes.

Some people have the emotional armoury to succeed in life, no matter how high their IQ

resting their heads on their arms, talking to themselves to distract them from the temptation in front of them. Finally, they win their reward. The teacher returns, and two marshmallows are theirs.

But this experiment, carried out in the 1960s at a pre-school on the Stanford University campus in America, has gone further. Researchers followed up the children 12 to 14 years later when they were adolescents graduating from high school. They found dramatic social differences between the instant-eaters and the delayers. The ones who had resisted temptation as four-year-olds seemed to have built on those qualities of self-restraint. They were more socially competent, more mature, more personally effective than the instant-eaters. They seemed better able to cope with the frustrations of life and to be on more relaxed terms with teachers and pupils. What is more, when they were tested later as they prepared to go on to university, they were more likely to score well in exams.

The so-called Mischel Test — named after the psychologist Walter Mischel — is just one of the examples cited by Goleman, a writer on science for *The New York Times*. He argues for a more effective definition of what constitutes



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intelligence. Goleman claims to find it in the emotional armoury with which certain people are equipped, and which allows them to succeed in life in a way which others cannot match, however high their IQ. He cites the example of graduates and school-leavers with impressive lists of academic qualifications who fail to make the grade in later life, whether in business, professionally or personally. In contrast, there are those with fewer intellectual attainments who nevertheless become lead-

ers, work well in teams, and achieve greater all-round success than their cleverer rivals. Goleman believes they do so not so much by conventional brain-power, as by demonstrating self-control, zeal, persistence, self-motivation, and a marked capacity to work well with others. He defines these qualities as "emotional intelligence" — the means by which reason strikes a balance with passion, allowing the emotions to play a part in arriving at rational decisions, while never taking complete control. Emotional intelligence is a far broader definition of intelligence than a simple measurement of IQ. It can include dexterity of speech (verbal alacrity), physical co-ordination (kinesthetic intelligence) and visual awareness (spatial capacity), such as that demonstrated by an architect.

Goleman's book is seen as a firm riposte to *The Bell Curve*, the notorious work by Richard Herrnstein and Charles Murray, which argued that IQ is genetic and varies from race to race.

Whether Goleman has stumbled on anything new is doubtful. From Aristotle to B.F. Skinner, via Erasmus and Nietzsche, philosophers and behavioural psychologists have argued about the nature of intelligence and attempted to define its origins. On one level, Goleman is adding just another layer to the "nature v nurture" argument, exploring the formative periods of our lives and tracing the origins of our varying characters back to our genetic roots and the way in which we have been treated in childhood.

But his findings are published at an interesting time. Arguably, we worry more today about the values which govern society and the uncertainty of the younger generation than we have ever done. We extend the educational range of our children, but seem to equip them less and less with the qualities they need to succeed in life. We expand the number of university places available, but find that a growing number of students drop out of their courses or fail to gain degrees. We cannot understand how, in an age of high unemployment, companies complain that they are unable to find enough recruits with the basic competence to tackle a career.

Goleman quotes the findings of an international survey of parents and teachers which shows "a worldwide trend for

the present generation of children to be more troubled emotionally than the last: more lonely and depressed, more angry and unruly, more nervous and prone to worry, more impulsive and aggressive". He believes this stems from the growing inability of families and schools to cope with the emotional as well as the academic education of children, and he believes that far more time should be spent at an early age on instilling such qualities as self-awareness, self-control, the arts of listening, of resolving conflict and co-operating with others.

Where he is less convincing is in identifying the physical properties of the brain which determine our emotional character and then venturing an explanation about how they

passing the neocortex while it is still coming to a decision. The impulse that prompts a panicking bank-robber to shoot a hesitating clerk, or drives a passer-by to plunge into an icy river to save a drowning child, comes, he says, direct from the amygdala. He calls it "emotional hijacking".

LeDoux believes it offers a rapid way to turn on emotions. "But it's a quick-and-dirty process; the cells are fast but not precise." That is, the reaction may be speedy, but it may be wrong. Goleman goes on to argue that in some people the neocortex is more easily by-passed than in others, and that this explains why they overreact to provocations or emergencies, while others handle them calmly. This is dangerous territory, suggesting that the brain is subject to genetic imperfections which can perhaps be altered by some kind of lobotomy.

Goleman is on safer ground when he argues that achieving a balance between the emotional and the thinking parts of our characters is the key to reaching intelligent decisions. We should, he says, learn to understand our emotions and use them, rather than be dominated by them. This concept, too, is familiar ground: "know thyself" is, after all, a maxim that can be traced back to ancient Greece. Goleman quotes Antoine de St Exupery, the author of *The Little Prince*: "It is with the heart that one sees rightly; what is essential is invisible to the eye."

Goleman concludes that emotional intelligence should be applied in the office as well as in the home or the classroom. The age of the overbearing, arrogant management approach is over, he says, to be replaced by a more sensitive style. The "jungle fighter" boss, who rules by fear and manipulation, gets less out of the workforce than the manager who sets out to establish a close rapport with the employees. "The jungle fighter is out of date," says a Harvard Business School psychologist, quoted by Goleman. "The virtuoso in interpersonal skills

is the corporate future." Or, as one management consultant cited in the book says: "Stress makes people stupid."

Central to Goleman's argument is the idea that the rules which govern the emotions, and can therefore condition intelligence, can be taught. He believes that schools ought to take on board the idea of teaching "emotional literacy" to children who do not receive it in their own homes, and who may, therefore, be unable to cope with pressure in the classroom or the playground.

They may be the bullies, the disruptive ones, or possibly the victims — the shy and retiring types who simply retreat from school life. "Whether or not there is a class explicitly devoted to emotional literacy may matter far less than how the lessons are taught," he writes.

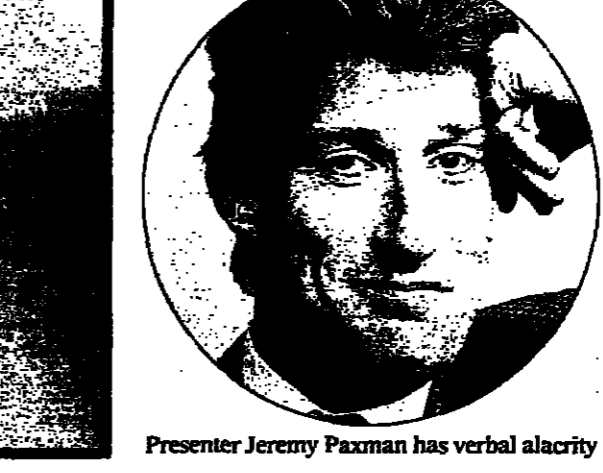
"There is perhaps no subject where the quality of the teacher matters so much, since how a teacher handles the class is in itself a model, a *de facto* lesson in emotional competence — or the lack thereof.



Architect Richard Rogers shows spatial skills



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Presenter Jeremy Paxman has verbal alacrity

## UNDERSTAND YOUR EMOTIONS

Recognising your emotions: the more you know about how you react to different situations, the more you grow familiar with your emotions. Monitoring your feelings is an important step towards self-understanding. If, by contrast, you allow them to overwhelm you without understanding why, you will be left at their mercy. Self-aware people tend to have a surer sense about the key decisions in their lives.

Managing emotions: the more self-aware you become, the more you learn how to control your emotions so that you respond properly to situations. You learn how to deal with anxiety, and to handle depression and anger. Realising what happens when you fail to do so is an important step towards managing emotions. People who are vulnerable to these overwhelming feelings of gloom or irritability find themselves struggling with them rather than being able to hold them in balance and make a quick recovery.

Self-motivation: you can learn to guide your emotions and use them to achieve objectives by focusing on goals and mastering negative impulses, such as self-doubt or apathy, that hold you back. This may be a question of self-control, of holding off instant gratification, or of controlling impulsive behaviour. It enables you to be productive.

Recognising emotion in others: this is at least as important as understanding your own emotions. This means developing a sensitivity to the way people behave and why. If, on the other hand, you are "emotionally tone-deaf" you will miss the subtle indicators which demonstrate whether a friend or colleague is reacting well or badly to what is happening around them. This is just as true of a social situation or a relationship as it is of a tense boardroom discussion.

Handling relationships: it follows that by understanding these emotional signals, you can guide events more successfully. Establishing a good relationship depends on being able to respond appropriately to other people's emotions as well as your own. It is a key component of popularity, leadership and effectiveness in dealing with others.

Whenever a teacher responds to one student, 20 or 30 others will learn a lesson. Not, perhaps, a startlingly original conclusion, but one which any education system, whether emotionally intelligent or not, has to take on board if schools are to cope with today's pupils in a new age of anxiety.

Emotional Intelligence: Why it can matter more than IQ, by Daniel Goleman, will be published on January 11 by Bloomsbury, £16.99.

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vary from individual to individual. The neocortex, or the "thinking brain", sited at the base of the brainstem, is the area where all incoming signals are processed. Most medical experts would argue that every human reaction is determined by this crucial part of the brain and that it cannot be by-passed.

However, Goleman, citing work by Joseph LeDoux, a neuroscientist from New York University, says that it is possible for extreme reactions, such as panic or rage, to be prompted by signals transmitted directly to the amygdala, a cluster of interconnected structures above the brainstem, near the bottom of the limbic ring. There are two of them, on either side of the brain, and LeDoux claims to have demonstrated that they can take control over what we do, by

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Above: Rymans, the 15th-century house near Chichester in West Sussex, and right: the sitting room of one of the newly built Berkeley Homes in Upper Hampstead Walk, London NW3



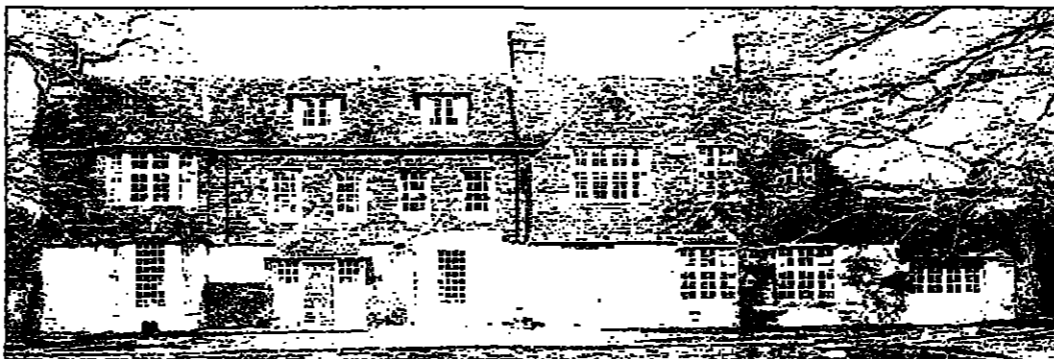
The 18th-century Parsonage Farmhouse in Piton, Wiltshire, which has style, manageability, and a pretty garden of half-an-acre, which was sold two weeks after it was first advertised

# Sold before the board goes up

What makes a house sell? That is the question on the lips of every family planning to move this year. Estate agents are fond of the reply that good houses in good locations always sell. But properties which have had a "Sold" sign slapped over their "For Sale" board within days, if not hours, could prove a better guide to success. Their individual sales histories could hold lessons for this new year.

Hungerford or the Cotswolds between Cirencester and Stow-on-the-Wold, which are popular because of their attractive countryside. "Modern and period houses will both sell well this year," says Mr Ramsay. "The ones that fall between these two stools will be harder to sell, that is, architect-designed houses that now look old-fashioned, and 1920s and 1930s houses that remain unmodernised."

All those who wish to move during 1996 will want to know what makes a house sell well and quickly. Rachel Kelly studies the best-selling houses of 1995 to find the answer



Hattingley House in Hattingley, Hampshire, which was sold before it came on the market

price. The house dates back to the 1530s with extensive Georgian and Victorian extensions. To the south is a stable which was once home to three British dressage champions, Wengel, Walden and Royal Star, and now houses a fancy automatic central heating system. The house has a large hall, three reception rooms, seven bedrooms, a separate staff flat and a two-bedroom cottage to the north of the courtyard, plus nine acres and three post and rail paddocks.

an hour's commuting of London, with paddocks, cottage and equestrian facilities, and with not too much land, it is the kind of manageable house that the newly rich want.

Grant Alexson, of Knight Frank, says: "The strength of the sales shows the continuing demand for high-quality townhouses and flats in Hampstead. The houses have been built with the best kind of fittings in their kitchens and bathrooms. Busy professionals will pay not to have the hassle." The development has car parking spaces, some underground, and a gym. These are the kind of American-style extras now commanding a premium in a market with largely

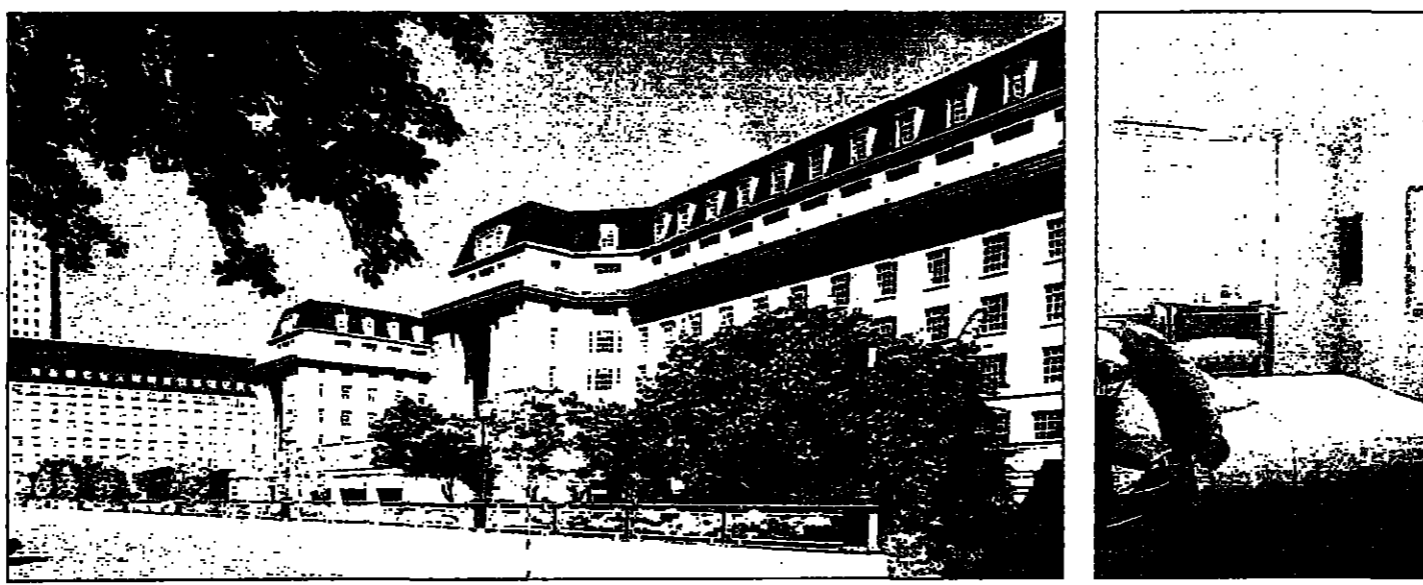
aging and dilapidated housing stock. "And, of course," Mr Alexson says, "this is the right location. Things haven't changed much since Robert Louis Stevenson said that 'Hampstead is the most delightful place for the air and the scenery near London.' The area has a unique village atmosphere, a sense of space, and is within reach of central London."

everyone who saw it. In fact the final buyers hadn't even been looking to buy when they happened to see it in *Country Life*. Last year we saw exceptional properties sell well; houses with that 'it' appeal. I think the same will be true during this year." The appeal of Rymans is that it combines 15th-century architecture with trefoil windows, a spiral staircase and square-topped windows with reveals. Ian Nairn, in the Sussex edition of *The Buildings of England*, writes: "The extreme delicacy of the panelling in the house is best seen in the wing, with its built-in wardrobe and three windows of graduated size facing east, south, and west which admit different amounts of light to the workshop and bedroom. Here, the 15th century considered the quality of life with as much care as the most painstaking 20th-century designer. The bedroom has all three windows in authentic condition and an original fireplace."

## Can there be a community spirit in a residential megalith? Guy Walters reports

### New flats snapped up in the capital

New flats in London are outperforming much of the rest of the metropolitan property market. Agents report successful sales at developments such as County Hall, the former headquarters of the Greater London Council, which is being converted into 411 apartments. Buyers can enjoy a swimming pool, health club and gymnasium. Prices for one-bedroom apartments start at £99,000, and three-bedroom flats range from £250,000 to £375,000.



County Hall, the river-front former headquarters of the Greater London Council, and (right) a bedroom in the converted building

many are situated in unfashionable parts of London. Surely those who can afford £375,000 for three bedrooms would rather live in a more upmarket and established area such as Kensington? And wouldn't living in County Hall be like squatting in an anonymous Holiday Inn on the outskirts of Newark, New Jersey? In short, can there be a community spirit within a self-contained megalith?

Alison Dean, of Savills, says: "The people who buy into these developments tend to be gregarious types who bring their own sense of community with them. A few years ago, many Londoners were against the notion of living in such places, but now they have warmed to them."

Others are attracted by the investment potential. At County Hall, for example, apartments could be let for an estimated yield of between 9 and 13.3 per cent. Many of the visitors at the County Hall weekend were hunting on behalf of elderly relatives: others were young couples buying for the first time. Most are attracted to these "mansions of the gods" by their low maintenance and security.

Few seem to be particularly interested in gyms. "What gyms represent is an image of a lifestyle," Ms Dean says. "And that is something that people buy into. They may, of course, never use the gym." However, not all of these residential schemes are welling up in old offices and offbeat boroughs. LCR Developments is transforming the better part of Stanhope Gardens in South Kensington into two, three and four-bedroom apartments.

## Don't forget to fix the flue

In the search for old-fashioned open fires, chimneys are often neglected

Blazing open fires are returning to living rooms. People living in modern homes want all the period features put in, says Lucy Searle, of *HomeStyle* magazine. The Solid Fuels Association has found that the number of people installing open fires from 1993 to 1994 leapt by 200,000 in an otherwise declining heating market. The Public Health (London) Act prohibits excessive smoke from chimneys, but smokeless fuels and appliances which keep fires burning longer make open fires easy to maintain.

helps a fire to breathe. Of the 150 types on sale, only a few are suitable for solid-fuel fires. Martin Glynn, a sweep of 23 years, says ill-fitting cowls make his job "a nightmare" by not creating sufficient draught. Another common cause of fire is the burning of household or bituminous wood. It may be cheap, but is dangerous if used before two years' storage. "People tend to pick up the wood and burn it while it's damp," Mr Glynn says. "The moisture causes tar to build up in the flue. It is highly flammable and catches light when the fireplace is reused." The SFA recommends smokeless wood, which, although more expensive, burns longer and leaves less ash.

### A LUXURY beach house in Hawaii has had its price slashed by £8.2 million to £5.8 million and American estate agents are marketing the house here in the hope of attracting a British buyer, Jennai Cox writes.

## Just £5.8m for a Hawaiian dream estate

Bids are being sought for the Schutter Estate on Hawaii's island of Oahu. Once the home of successful American trial lawyer David Schutter, who in the 1980s borrowed heavily to indulge his hobby of entertaining America's sporting celebrities by building them a retreat, the estate was repossessed on November 1. The American firms Kennedy-Wilson

International and Conley Dew are selling the property for the Bank of Hawaii at a 60 per cent discount. For a quick sale the property is to be auctioned and a deadline of January 15 has been set for any offers.

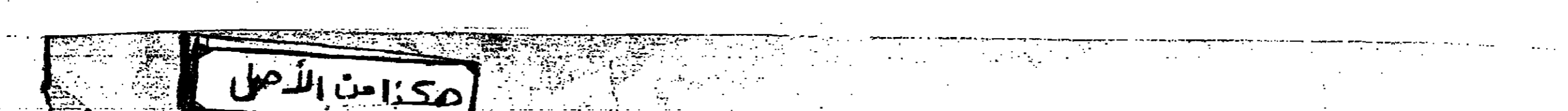
The plot Mr Schutter secured was one of only half a dozen of the "millionaire's row" section of Kahala Beach, with a sandy beachfront. Here Robert Louis

Stevenson took walks and tea on the beach with the last king of Hawaii's daughter, whom he befriended before going on to Samoa. Sylvester Stallone, Lionel Richie and Shakie O'Neal are a few of the famous who have partied or worked out on the estate.

On an island famous for spectator sports, the facilities are unequalled. An underwater tunnel connects two swimming pools if the two-minute walk to the sea seems too far, there is also a spa, sauna, steam bath and a salt water floatation tank. Although the Waialae golf course is within walking distance, the estate has a netted golf and batting cage plus two grass tennis courts, a basketball court, billiard table and exercise room.

Mr Schutter enjoyed the high life for a decade before the bank called in the multi-million dollar loan used to build it. The entrance has doors sculpted from redwood and trimmed with copper. Windows extend 27in from floor to ceiling in the main living room and six skylights illuminate the atrium over an oak and smoked glass spiral staircase.

Guests can choose from 17 bedrooms and 21 bathrooms in the two buildings which make up the resort. At 700 sq ft, the master bedroom is the size of a small apartment, with Italian marble floors, sunken whirlpool bath and a large shower. Additional landscaping includes waterfalls, a fishpond and an outdoor pavilion, with views across the palm trees on the Hawaiian beachfront.



NEWS

Inquiry into water mains burst

Water companies were ordered to explain why up to a million households were left without supplies for the second successive night.

Royal bodyguard hurt skiing

The Prince of Wales's principal bodyguard broke his leg on an alpine ski run at Klosters in Switzerland while protecting the royal party during their skiing holiday.

Land of the free

More than 300 British employees at the US embassy in London are now working gratis for Uncle Sam because the Grosvenor Square mission has run out of money to pay them.

Driving skills

Questions that thousands of learner drivers will have to answer in a written examination before they can take to the roads were revealed.

Death sentence

Twenty rare creatures could become extinct this year. The British centre monitoring wildlife said that the animals were "critically endangered" by pollution, poaching and the booming human population.

Pavlova's last wish

Anna Pavlova, the greatest ballerina the world has known, made a dying wish to return to her "beloved Russia".

French scandal

Louis Schweitzer, the chairman of Renault, the French car manufacturer, has been placed under formal legal investigation for alleged involvement in a telephone-tapping scandal.

Brazilian slavery

More than 4,000 people have been found by Brazilian authorities working in virtual slavery on five ranches outside the small town of Bauru.

Explosion warning

A leading Arab intellectual has delivered a warning that, despite the Israeli-Arab peace moves, the Middle East faces an explosion of social and economic discontent.

Gas compensation

British Gas bowed to mounting pressure from consumers and said it would compensate customers left without heating after it failed to repair systems covered by its agreements.

IRA blamed

The Northern Ireland peace process faced its gravest crisis after Sir Patrick Mayhew blamed the IRA for murdering seven alleged drugs dealers.

Resignation fight

Sir Nicholas Lyell and William Waldegrave are to fight calls for their resignation that will follow the report of the long-running Scott inquiry into the arms-to-Iraq affair.

Railway chase

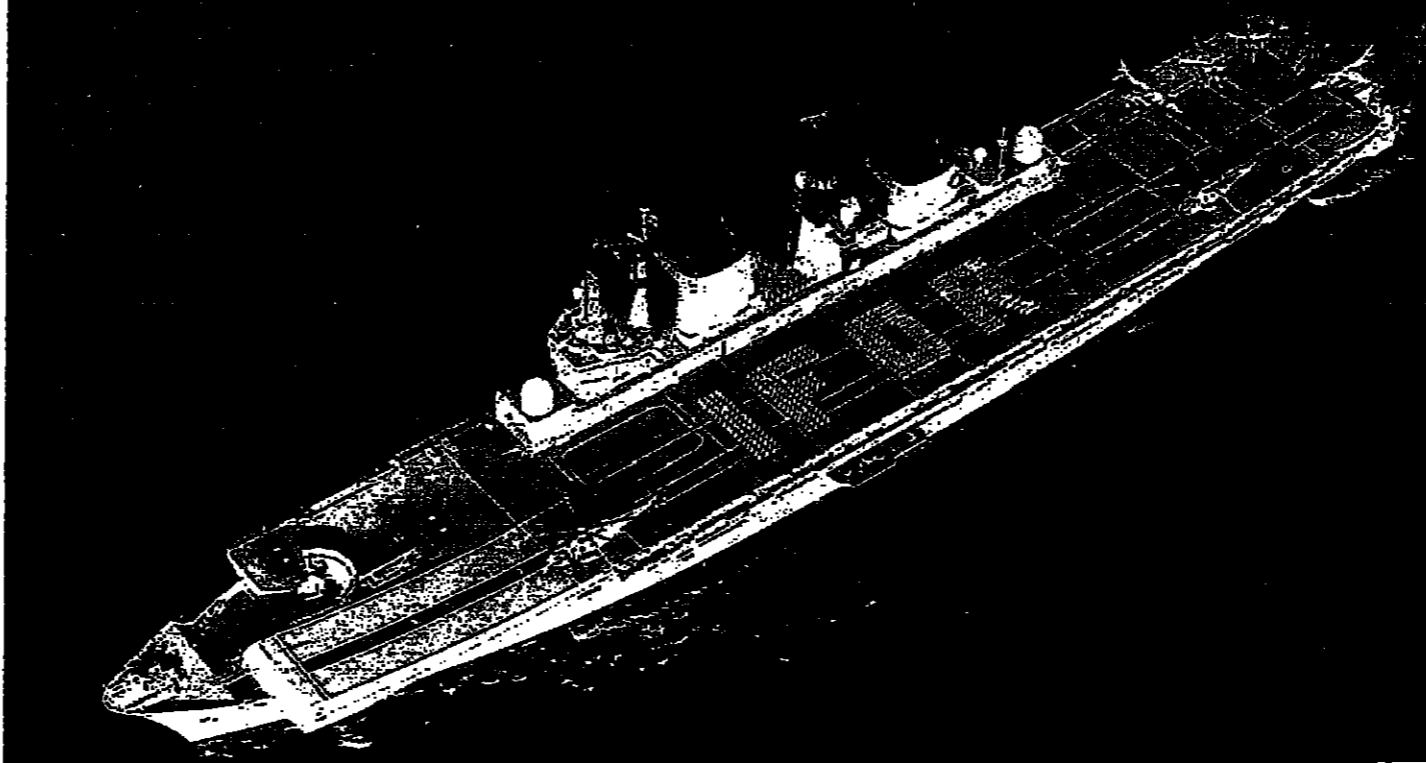
Passengers chased and caught an alleged rapist after his terrified victim banged on the windows of their late-night commuter train in south London, a court was told.

Lottery appeal

Virginia Bottomley is to appeal to Middle Britain in an attempt to regain the moral high ground for the National Lottery.

Another drop in drink-driving

Drink-driving offences fell for the fourth successive Christmas as motorists heeded the tough advertising campaign. Police recorded 4,330 positive breath tests over Christmas and new year in England and Wales compared with 4,706 last year, a fall of 8 per cent.



Five hundred sailors on HMS Illustrious off the coast of former Yugoslavia spell out the initials of Nato's Implementation Force

BUSINESS

Job cuts: AT&T, the American telecommunications giant, is taking a \$4 billion restructuring charge to pay for 40,000 job cuts over the next three years.

BT: Sir Peter Bonfield took up his post as chief executive warning that the company faces a "roller-coaster ride" this year.

Houses: Prices are still much lower than they were a year ago in spite of five consecutive monthly increases, according to the Halifax.

Markets: The FT-SE 100 fell 1.4 to 3687.9. Sterling rose from 83.1 to 83.5 after rises from \$1.5305 to \$1.5570 and DM2.2191 to DM2.2340.

SPORT

Cricket: England were all out for 153 on the first day of the final Test in Cape Town, Allan Donald taking five wickets.

Motor racing: Jackie Stewart, Britain's most successful Formula One driver, is to return to grand prix racing at the head of his own team in 1997.

Football: The Old Firm game tonight, at Celtic Park, brings an opportunity to determine whether the gap between Celtic and Rangers is as great as ever.

Rugby union: Winnington Park, second in fifth division north, were drawn at home to Wasps, beaten finalists, in the fifth round of the Pilkington Cup.

ARTS

Lookahead: From the big Cézanne retrospective at the Tate Gallery to the Who's Tommy in the West End of London.

Young at Art: Smithills School in Bolton reverberates to the sounds of five bands, three choirs, and a sitar and tabla ensemble.

Thinking big: As part of the millennium celebrations, Portsmouth and Gosport are planning the most spectacular piece of urban revival in Britain.

New York theatre: Patrick Stewart is one of the few men to have triumphed on a Broadway stage during a season in which women have been able to enjoy all the best parts.

ENTERTAINMENT

Lessons for life: A four-year-old's reaction to a marshmallow tells a lot about "emotional intelligence".

Look of the year: The mood is pin-thin. The accent is on shape, colour and fabric.

Branded: Marketers will spend £8.7 billion in 1996 with creations like the Andrex puppy.

Seen it: Brenda Maddox puts her money on a few dead celebrities for the year ahead.

Going, going, gone: What makes a house sell? The best-selling houses suggest some answers.

Hawaiian dream: A luxury beach house in Hawaii is slashed to £5.8 million and the agents hope to attract a British buyer.

Federal budget cuts are increasing the strain and one result is higher tuition at state colleges which are no longer as accessible for kids without money.

Tax breaks for bikers? Tax breaks for walking to work? It's nice to see liberals have begun to understand the dynamic effects of tax reductions.

Harry McLevy, union leader; Elsie Osborne, child psychologist; Vice-Admiral Peter Van Dyck, Chief of Staff of the Belgian Navy.

Emma Nicholson; courts martial; minority rights.



Juliette Binoche and Olivier Martinez (left) in The Horseman on the Roof and Brad Pitt in Seven

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FILMS Juliette Binoche and Olivier Martinez (left) in The Horseman on the Roof and Brad Pitt in Seven

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Pickwick Modest crossword puzzle with words like SANITATION, STRAW, WINDOW, etc.

TIMES WEATHERCALL

Table showing weather forecasts for various regions like Greater London, Kent, Sussex, etc.

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General: cloudy but some bright spells. England and Wales will have a grey, foggy morning in eastern parts and the murky conditions will be slow to clear during the day.

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Table showing AA roadwatch information for various roads and areas.

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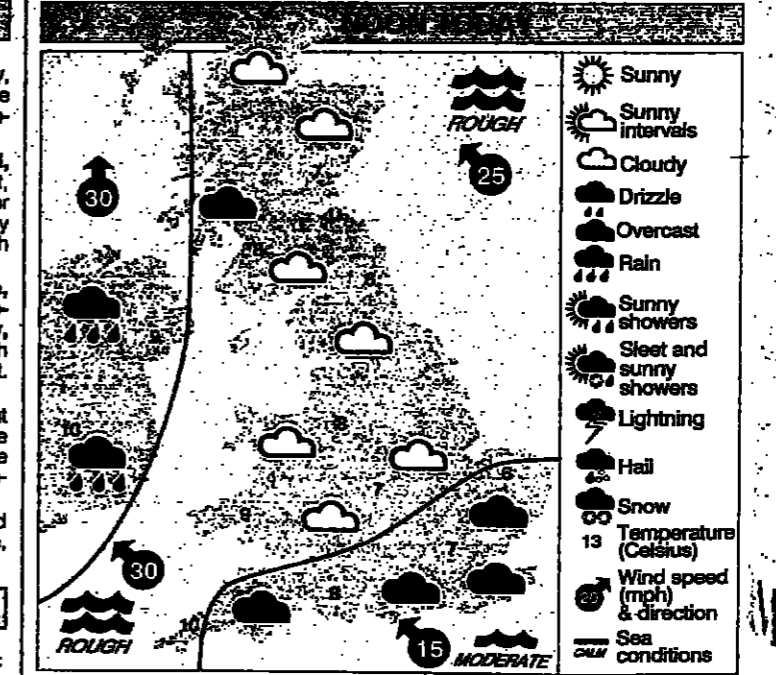
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Table showing highest and lowest temperatures for various locations.

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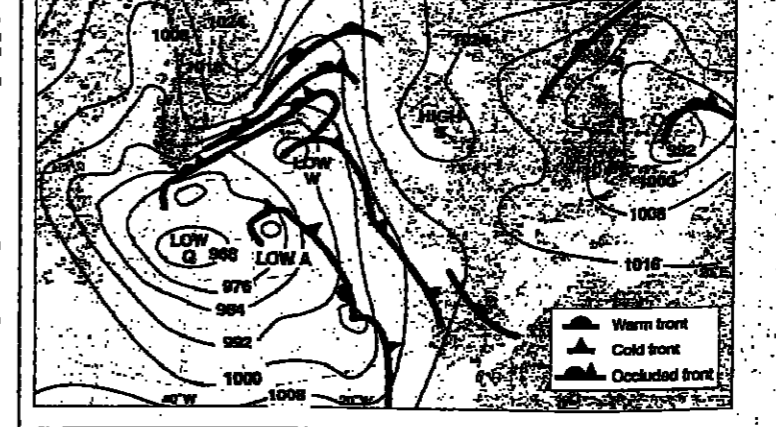


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Forte pledges payout boost

By ERIC REGULY

FORTE raised the stakes in its battle to remain independent by unveiling plans yesterday for an £800 million share buyback and a commitment to raise the dividend by 20 per cent in each of the next three years.



Sir Rocco Forte, second left, and his fellow board members, from left, Patrick Copeland, David Owen, Keith Hamill and Richard Power in London yesterday

The company said it would also increase the final dividend in the current year by 21 per cent, making a total of 8.5p, and distribute its majority stake in the Savoy Hotel group to Forte shareholders.

The defence package boosted Forte shares 12½p to 349p, while shares of Granada, whose hostile offer is worth £3.2 billion, fell 3p, to 642p.

Granada has until Tuesday to revise its bid. The City, which was impressed by Forte's defence package, predicts that Granada will have to raise its offer by at least 10 per cent, to between 350p and 360p per share, if it hopes to win over institutional shareholders, such as Mercury Asset Management.

Forte's plan to repurchase 20 per cent of its share capital, designed to enhance earnings per share, is the centrepiece of the defence. At £800 million, which includes some £138 million in associated tax credits, it is considerably higher than the market was led to believe. The company, assuming Granada's takeover effort, fails, will purchase the shares at prices ranging from 330p to 400p. No premium will be offered; the buyback will be priced at the market value of the shares on the day of the offer. Shareholders, for example, would receive £70 for every 100 Forte shares they own in a buyback at 330p. Those who are eligible for tax credits would end up with £84. In each case, they would retain 79 Forte shares.

FORTE DEFENCE PACKAGE

- Share buyback of £800 million at prices between 330p and 400p. Increasing final dividend by 21 per cent, making 8.5p for the year. Commitment to raise dividend by 20 per cent each year for next three years. Distribution of Savoy interest, worth 23p per share, to Forte shareholders. Disposals, including £1 billion sale of roadside restaurants, to Whitbread. Shedding restaurants to create £24 million in annual cost savings.

its Savoy stake to shareholders because it could not find a buyer willing to pay a premium for its investment. Although it owns 68 per cent of the equity, it lacks voting control. Forte expects to distribute 2.3 Savoy "A" shares for every 100 Forte shares owned, giving a value of about 23p for every Forte share.

Sir Rocco Forte, chairman and chief executive, said that Forte, shorn of its restaurants, would be a pure hotel company, poised for strong growth. "I'm very excited about this plan. This is really a prospectus for the future rather than a defence document."

Charles Allen, Granada's chief operating officer, dismissed the defence document as "headline-grabbing initiatives". He noted that Forte, after the completion of the asset sales and the share buyback, would, at best, achieve three times interest cover, against four times at a combined Granada-Forte. He said selling the restaurants was a mistake: "What you end up with is a luxury hotels group that would be highly susceptible to cyclical swings."

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AT&T set for \$4bn charge to pay for shake-up

FROM RICHARD THOMSON IN NEW YORK

AT&T, the US telecoms group, is taking a \$4 billion post-tax restructuring charge to pay for its planned split into three separate entities. The charge, thought to be the largest made by a company, will largely be used to pay for a massive programme of nearly 40,000 redundancies over the next three years.

The charge, which will be about \$6 billion before taxes, will cut AT&T's fourth-quarter profit by \$4 billion, or \$2.5 per share. Although the group has not yet announced its fourth-quarter figures, it is likely to plunge into loss because, for the first nine months of the year, it made \$2.82 billion, or \$1.77 per share. Total profits for 1994 were \$4.7 billion with revenues of \$75 billion.

Although AT&T is implementing a voluntary redundancy programme, the take-up has been small so that about 30,000 will be forced layoffs. Moreover, about 70 per cent of the job cuts will fall this year. AT&T currently employs about 300,000.

"The reduction of our workforce will be the most difficult and painful step we've had to take in this restructuring process," said Robert Allen, the chairman. "But I believe the reductions and other actions are absolutely essential if our businesses are to be competitive."

The cuts are part of a plan to cut AT&T's costs and improve efficiency by dividing it into three independent companies based on core activities.

The largest of the new companies will be the reorganised AT&T telephone group, while another will provide network and business and consumer technology and software. The third, AT&T Global information solutions, is a computer company.

The redundancies will cost at least \$2.6 billion, while a further \$1.7 billion will be spent on writing down assets.



Sir Peter Bonfield, the new chief executive of British Telecom, signing in on his first day at the company yesterday

BT chief foresees a 'roller-coaster ride'

By ERIC REGULY

SIR PETER BONFIELD yesterday took up his post as chief executive of British Telecom and gave a warning that the company faced a "roller-coaster ride" on the regulatory and competition fronts.

Sir Peter, 51, former chairman of ICL, Britain's biggest computer company, said: "We have the twin challenges of increasing competition and an increasingly uncertain regulatory environment. We shall meet both with renewed vigour."

Making peace with OfTel, the telecoms regulator, is the biggest hurdle. BT and Don Cruickshank, Director-General of Telecommunications,

were at loggerheads throughout last year over issues ranging from the introduction of phone number portability to the extent of price controls on various services.

Relations hit rock-bottom last month when BT rejected proposals that would give Mr Cruickshank broad powers to investigate anti-competitive behaviour. A Monopolies and Mergers Commission inquiry on the issue appears inevitable.

Twelve years after privatisation, BT has lost only about 10 per cent of the telecoms market to competitors.

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C&M takeover surprise

By ROBERT MILLER

BUILDING society merger mania struck in an unexpected quarter yesterday, when the £700 million Stroud & Swindon Building Society confirmed that it was to take over City & Metropolitan.

The move will trigger generous bonuses worth up to £2,500 for thousands of C&M members. The payouts are the first to be made under new regulations which allow societies to distribute up to 5 per cent of their assets. This enables them to match some of the bonuses paid in recent bank takeovers, while retaining their mutual status.

The £100 million City & Metropolitan has two branches

in the London borough of Bromley, another in north London and two in the West Country. Up to 15,000 C&M members, who had £100 in their accounts on both November 30, 1995 and April 18, 1996, will receive a £50 bonus and 5 per cent of the lower balance on those dates. The bonuses are subject to a £2,500 maximum on savings of £50,000. The society's borrowers will receive a 1 per cent discount on their mortgage rate.

Richard Payne, chief executive of Stroud & Swindon, which will retain its ranking as the 25th largest society, said there would be no job losses, although the Frome sub-

branch would be closed. He added: "We are not a predator and this is not a hostile action. It is very much an old-fashioned agreed merger between two building societies who believe in the long-term future of mutualism."

Mr Payne said he could not rule out other mergers, but added: "Stroud & Swindon would want to be the larger party to any such moves."

Among the larger societies considering their future business plans are the Woolwich, Alliance & Leicester - which also owns Citibank - Bristol & West and the Britannia.

House prices remain lower than a year ago

By ROBERT MILLER

HOUSE prices are still much lower than they were a year ago in spite of five consecutive monthly increases, according to Britain's largest mortgage lender.

The Halifax, which has more than two million borrowers, will announce today that, on an annual basis, house prices are now 1.4 per cent lower, although they rose by 0.3 per cent in December. The standardised average house price in the UK is now £60,901. Prices paid by first-time buyers, regarded as a key to any sustainable recovery in housing market fortunes, fell

by 0.4 per cent in the final month of 1995. This leaves the annual inflation rate in this sector of the market 1.7 per cent lower than a year ago.

The Halifax said: "As consumer confidence improves in 1996 in line with growth in incomes, we expect house prices to strengthen slightly, growing by around 2 per cent. Recent falls in mortgage rates will also aid the market in the coming year and the number of house moves is likely to grow more quickly, increasing by around 10 per cent."

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Warren comes out fighting against DTI

By JON ASHWORTH

FRANK WARREN, the boxing promoter, is vigorously resisting attempts by the Department of Trade and Industry (DTI) to ban him from serving as a company director. Mr Warren, 43, who yesterday acknowledged the four-year-old proceedings by the DTI, said that he was being taken to court on a "technicality" and would strongly contest proceedings when the case resumes next month.

Civil proceedings were brought against Mr Warren by the DTI in 1992, soon after the collapse of the London Arena, the Docklands sporting and entertainment complex. Price Waterhouse was appointed administrative receiver of Arena. Develop-

ments (Europe) in May 1991, and the venue closed later that year. It reopened under new ownership in 1994.

The case against Mr Warren moved to the courts in November 1995, but proceedings were adjourned after previously undiscovered documents came to light. According to Mr Warren, the DTI claimed to have inadvertently destroyed 165 boxes of documents, including accounts, relating to London Arena (Limited). However, the documents were subsequently found at Price Waterhouse, and proceedings were adjourned to allow time to consider the contents. Mr Warren and his defence team have spent weeks sifting through the papers.

Mr Warren said: "I was taken to court on a lot of technicalities, when I

was not in a position to defend myself. The DTI said it had lost all the accounts, then 165 boxes of documents were discovered. We are now going through the contents."

Park Nelson Thompson Quarrell, Mr Warren's solicitor, yesterday issued a statement on his behalf, saying that the proceedings by the DTI related to affairs of various companies before 1991. It said: "Mr Warren has defended the proceedings vigorously and filed lengthy affidavits explaining his efforts to protect the interest of all creditors, employees and shareholders. He will continue to defend the proceedings vigorously."

Mr Warren personally lost more than £3 million when the London Arena venture collapsed. He had also

personally guaranteed many debts of the companies, and faced the prospect of being made personally bankrupt for more than £5 million. The statement added: "This is not the case of an irresponsible director jeopardising the funds of creditors and not suffering a loss himself, but of a director with a very substantial personal financial commitment who worked extremely hard to protect the interests of all creditors and that investment."

Mr Warren's current business interests are not affected by the DTI move. He promotes the boxers Frank Bruno, Nigel Benn and Naseem Hamed. Mr Warren faces bans of between two and 15 years under the Company Directors Disqualification Act, if court proceedings prove successful.

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BA takes off with Saatchis

British Airways launches an advertising campaign this week. The campaign is the first by M&C Saatchi since it snatched the account from the former Saatchi & Saatchi, now Cordiant.

Outking vote

Water Hall Group shareholders will be asked to remove Edward Weiss, chairman of the quarry company, from the board.

Link ends

Lord Hartwell, a member of the Berry family which formerly controlled the Telegraph newspapers, has left the board and ended his family's link with the group.

Drug passed

Zeneca Group, the pharmaceuticals company, said it had received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration for its Arimidex tablets for treating advanced breast cancer in postmenopausal women.



Ian Byatt, Director-General of Water Services, is one of the industry regulators affected by the new guidelines

Tough new guidelines for industry regulators

TOUGHER guidelines for regulators over price-sensitive information were published yesterday, the result of a five-month inquiry triggered by the leaking last summer of the electricity regulator's price review.

Disclosures of Stephen Littlechild's price review in July caused chaos in the market and forced him to bring forward official publication of the details to stem further jumps in the share prices of electricity companies.

The Stock Exchange said it was deeply concerned about the leak of information. Its reaction came after a spat between the exchange and the regulator over when he had been warned that the information was price-sensitive and should be disclosed immediately.

The official release of price-sensitive information by the regulators. After the long consultation with the Stock Exchange the regulators have said that they will: Minimise the period of pre-release of price-sensitive information; Limit access to information on a need-to-know basis; Advise other parties of the confidential nature of the information; Notify the exchange and companies simultaneously; Consult the exchange in the case of a leak and, if appropriate, help to prevent disorderly markets and potential insider dealing in shares of regulated companies before

Growth in M0 raises retail hopes

BRITAIN'S narrow measure of money supply grew faster than expected in December, raising hopes that the Christmas shopping season went with a swing, but analysts said that yesterday's figures still leave the way open for lower base rates in the months ahead.

M0 money supply grew 1.2 per cent last month, compared with November, the biggest monthly rise since early 1994. This took the annual rate of growth of M0 to 5.9 per cent from 5.6 per cent.

It is notoriously difficult to seasonally adjust M0 money supply in December and several economists said that they expected the figure to be revised downwards when broad money figures are published in the middle of this month. The strength of the figure may, however, suggest that retail spending may have been quite healthy in the run-up to Christmas. Andrew Cates, of UBS, said it added weight to anecdotal evidence showing a strong pick-up in consumer demand over Christmas.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Albert E Sharp buys Brown Shipley

ALBERT E Sharp is set to become the UK's largest independent stockbroker after paying Guinness Peat £7 million for Brown Shipley, its private client stockbroking and personal equity plan arm.

East Midlands pays out

CUSTOMERS of East Midlands Electricity, who are about to gain discounts on their bills from the National Grid sale, will receive a top-up payout after their supplier said it had benefited from low power prices.

Bid for Gambro shares

INCENTIVE, the investment arm of Sweden's Wallenberg industrial holding company, has bid £10.3 billion (£1 billion) for the shares that it does not already own in Gambro, the medical technology group.

Kmart extends credit

KMART, the world's second biggest retailer, has secured a payment extension on \$300 million of debt, staving off the threat of bankruptcy. Although the credit extension is not finalised, Kmart said that all 30 banks in the lending syndicate had signed the agreement.

Wales wins 8,000 jobs

THE Welsh Development Agency, which celebrated its 30th anniversary yesterday, has attracted almost 8,000 jobs to Wales this financial year. That is a 60 per cent improvement on 1994-95 and indicates that the agency is likely to exceed this year's target of 10,000 jobs from inward investment.

SHV Calor in \$62m deal

CALOR GROUP, the British bottled gas company, said SHV Calor Brazil, its associate company, had bought 49 per cent of Superagas Distribuidora de Gas of Brazil for \$62 million. The deal secures day-to-day management of the company and 50 per cent of its voting shares.

TOURIST RATES

Table with columns for Bank, Rate, and other financial data for various banks and currencies.

Banks offer sign of housing recovery

FURTHER signs of a tentative recovery in the home loans market were offered yesterday by nine of the UK's 20 largest mortgage lenders. Figures from the British Bankers' Association (BBA) show that net mortgage lending by the leading banks rose by nearly 7 per cent to £2.1 billion in November.

Maxwell trial resumes after four-week break



Kevin Maxwell: denial

JURORS in the Maxwell trial return to the Central Criminal Court today, when Lord Justice Phillips is due to begin his summing-up. The trial was adjourned on December 6 - the 16th day of the trial - when the judge sent jurors off for a four-week break.

LEGAL & PUBLIC NOTICES

Multiple legal notices including: BILLY BENT TWO LIMITED, HALL OF CARNS, 1996 LTD, MILEPOST PROPERTIES, ELROPLAN LTD, HALL OF CARNS LTD, and various company notices.

Lloyds Bank Interest Rates for Business Customers

Lloyds Bank Base Rate table showing interest rates for Loans, Overdrafts, Mortgages, Savings Accounts, and Business Call Accounts. Includes a note: 'These rates of interest apply with effect from 3 January 1996'.

Large advertisement for 'BEST DIGIT', 'WIDEST CO', 'THE SECON', 'AIRTIN INCLUD 50 MINUT PER MON', and 'Lloyds Bank' with a phone number '05'.





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STOCK MARKET

MICHAEL CLARK

Political uncertainties unsettle share prices

AN OPENING rise on Wall Street brought some relief to the London stock market where investors were again submerged by political uncertainties.



Telecom groups enjoyed mixed fortunes over Christmas

News of the latest Conservative Party election, in spite of reassurances to the contrary by the firm start to trading that many brokers had forecast at the close of business on the last day of 1995 failed to materialise.

than expected number of new subscribers during December. The final outcome of 143,000 was short of City forecasts ranging from 150,000 to 170,000.

Whitbread's £1.05 billion agreement to buy Fort's roadside operations, including Travelodge, has attracted the support of Goldman Sachs.

recently indicated that it had considered selling its Bain Hogg insurance arm, but would now be floating the business off separately.

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London's best broking outfits such as Sedgwick, 6p dearer at 127p, or Willis Corroon, 5p stronger at 140p. Willis Corroon has come up from a low of 119p recently.

Others to go better in the sector included CE Heath, 5p to 154p, JIB Group, 2 1/2p to 105p, and Nelson Hurst, 4p to 150p.

BT ran in profit-taking in the wake of last week's strong gains, ending 2p easier at 352p.

It had been hoped that similar good news would be reported by Vodafone, the mobile phone operator, but none was forthcoming.

In the futures pit, the March series of the long gilt ended £2 lower at £10 1/2 in thin trading that saw 42,000 contracts completed.

In the cash market, benchmark Treasury 8 per cent 2013 dropped £2 1/2 to £102 1/2, while at the shorter end, Treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished £9 1/2 down at £104 1/2.

MAJOR INDICES

Table of major stock indices including New York (Dow Jones, S&P Composite), Tokyo (Nikkei Average), Hong Kong (Hang Seng), Amsterdam (EEX Index), Sydney (DAX), Frankfurt (DAX), Singapore (Straits), Brussels (General), Paris (CAC-40), Zurich (SMA Gen), and London (FT 100, FTSE 100, FTSE 250, etc.).

RECENT ISSUES

Table of recent stock issues including Cash Converters, Century Invest, Com de Part Fin, Corwinth, Cox Insurance, Crown Products, Dmarek, Finstech, Geopost, Manx & O'Shea, National Grid, Northern Petroleum, Nthm Petrol, Per City, Polymark, Rushmore Wynne, Unicom, Vicrex, Viewlin, and Wittington.

RIGHTS ISSUES

Table of rights issues including Dnloe, Metrose, SWF Group, and Westbury.

MAJOR CHANGES

Table of major stock price changes including Pressac, ADT, Photobition, Parly, Racial Elect, Courtauld Text, Barclays, Sage, Stand Chart, Allied Dom, Prudential, Falls, Sheldag, Filtromic, Kelsay Ind, Eurodec Elec, Sage, Bowthorpe, Laporte, Glaxo Wellcome, and Gen Accident.

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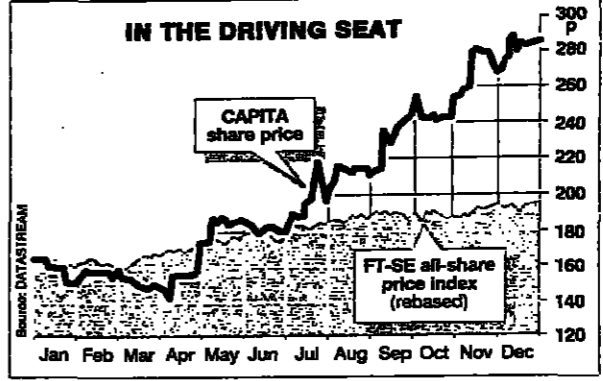
TEMPUS Unhappy New Year

J SAINSBURY is in a pickle. Tagged the lost sheep of the food retailing sector, the supermarket group is struggling to regain its foothold. The new year price promotion may be the start of the attempt to get out of the mire by communicating more successfully its pricing position to customers.

announced in recent months by its rivals are seen to be at the expense of Sainsbury. Figures from AGB yesterday show Sainsbury's market share in the four weeks to December 17 at 19.4 per cent, down 1.2 percentage points.

Capita WINNING the contract to run the new written theory test for learner drivers has put Capita firmly in the driving seat. The management services group has its foot firmly on the accelerator.

Capita has a strong position in a growing market and profit upgrades could follow the next results. The political downside should also be limited.



British Telecom ON his first day in the job, Sir Peter Bonfield, British Telecom's new chief executive, warned everyone not to expect miracles from him.

American or Northern European winter would have sent oil prices through the roof. Yesterday, however, North Sea Brent oil managed a rise of just 20 to 25 cents a barrel.

Oil GIVEN the relatively low returns on refining oil into petrol, the ensuing competition to sell the stuff and the persistence of the crude oil price to remain below \$20 a barrel.

By the time in London, the price of a barrel of Brent was below where it had started the New Year, down two cents on the day, at \$18.31.

Other Sterling ARGENTINA peso, AUSTRALIAN dollar, BRAHMIN dollar, CHINA yuan, CRYPTOCURRENCY, INDIAN rupee, MALAYSIAN ringgit, NEW ZEALAND dollar, SAUDI Arabian riyal, SINGAPORE dollar, S.W. African rand, U.S. dollar, and BARCELONA Bank, CTS, Lloyds Bank.

There is a typical frustrating day in the old days, a political hiccup in an Opec state, coming on top of a cold North

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON COMMODITY EXCHANGE (Cocoa, Rubber, etc.), ICIS-LOR (Crude oils), GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES (Wheat, Barley, etc.), POTATO, RUBBER, BIFFER, and LONDON METAL EXCHANGE (Copper, Zinc, etc.).

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table of London financial futures including FT-SE 100, FT-SE 250, Three Month Sterling, Three Mth Eurodollar, Three Mth Euro DM, Long Gilt, German Gov Bd Bond, Three month ECU, Euro Swiss Franc, Italian Gov Bond, and MONEY RATES (%).

DOLLAR RATES

Table of dollar rates including Australia, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Germany, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Norway, Singapore, Sweden, Switzerland, Argentina peso, Australian dollar, Bahraini dollar, China yuan, Cryptocurrency, Indian rupee, Indonesian rupiah, Malaysian ringgit, New Zealand dollar, Saudi Arabian riyal, Singapore dollar, S.W. African rand, U.S. dollar, and Barclays Bank, CTS, Lloyds Bank.

WALL STREET

Table of Wall Street stock prices including AMP Inc, Amgen, AT & T, Boeing, Caterpillar, Citicorp, Coca Cola, DuPont, E.I. du Pont, Enron, Ford, General Electric, IBM, Johnson & Johnson, Microsoft, Pfizer, Procter & Gamble, Sun Microsystems, and others.

LIFE OPTIONS

Table of life insurance options including various policies and rates.

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Table of European money deposits for various currencies and terms.

GOLD/PRECIOUS METALS (Baird & Co)

Table of gold and precious metals prices including Bullion, Kruggerand, Platinum, Silver, Palladium, and Sterling Spot and Forward Rates.

FT-SE VOLUMES

Table of FT-SE trading volumes for various sectors and companies.

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Table of sterling spot and forward rates for various currencies and terms.

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Brook bursts the bubble

SOCIÉTÉ Générale Equities International's Christmas prize of a crate of champagne for correctly predicting the year-end level of France's CAC 40 index has been won by Clare Brook of NPI.

About turn

IT MUST rank as one of the shortest retirements. Richard Payne, former chief executive of the £700 million Stroud & Swindon retired on December 31 after 28 years with the building society.



... And what is today's special dividend?

Safe and sound

CAUTIOUS Hans Werdelin, chief executive of Sophus Berendsen, the little-known Danish group that owns 52 per cent of Rentokil, has answered a perennial question with a new year teaser.

Beam me up

A NEW YEAR. A new idea. And new frontiers. Barclays Stockbrokers is today launching a service whereby clients can be linked "live" to brokers in Glasgow with whom they are transacting business.

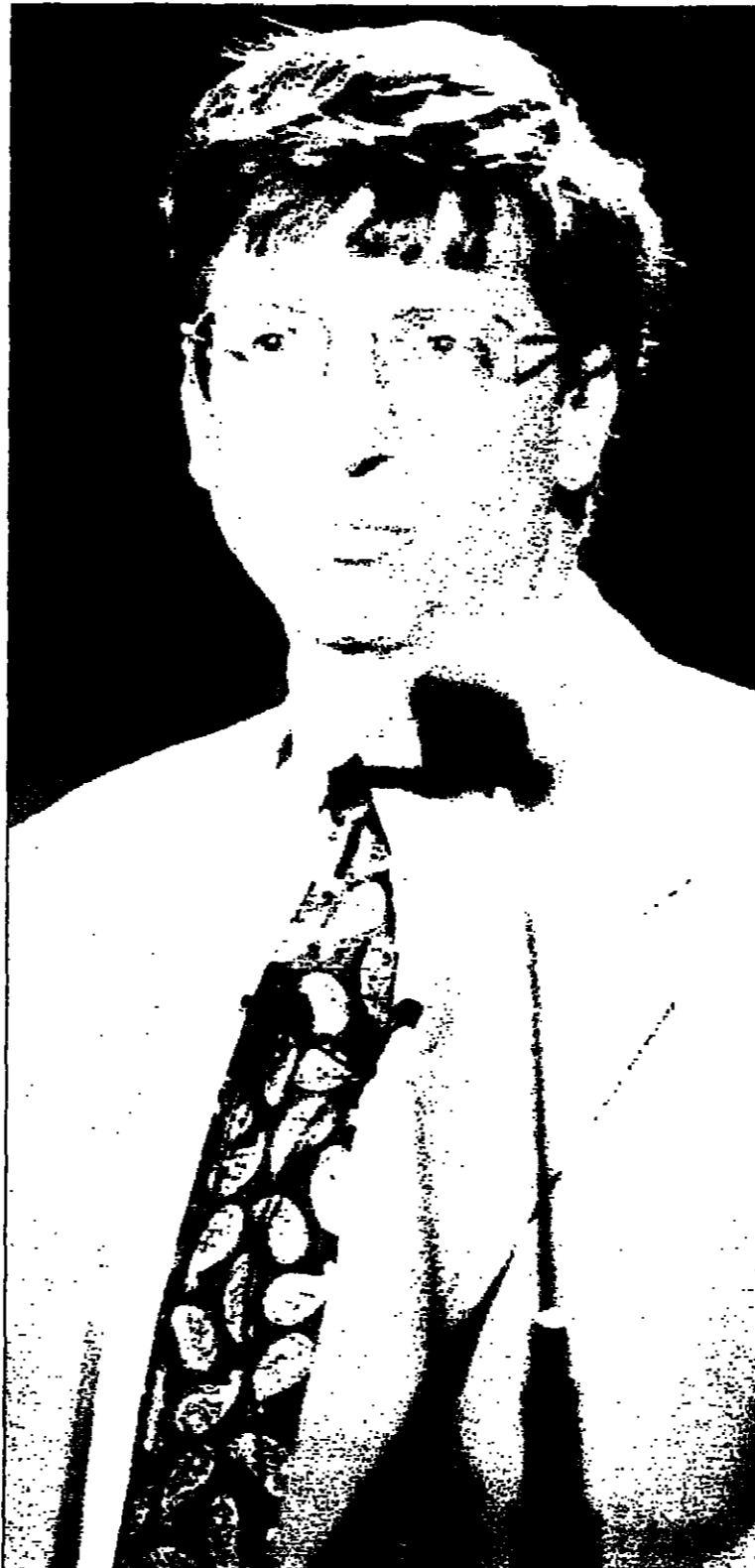
Missing agent

KNIGHT FRANK, the estate agent, is offering champagne to anybody who can help to solve its problem. After 100 years of using the three founders' names, the firm is dropping " & Rutley".

COLIN CAMPBELL

Could the Internet contain a message for Microsoft?

Richard Thomson asks if a computer empire can survive the accelerating pace of change



Bill Gates has shown that Microsoft can still respond quickly when required

It began as a whisper among rival software makers to which few outside the computer industry paid much heed. But as the months have passed it has been discussed more openly, with more confidence and in areas such as Wall Street, where it is starting to matter.

Microsoft's empire has lasted more than ten years — not long by most normal standards, but an aeon in the fast-moving computer world, where time often seems to be telescoped and spectacular innovations become old-hat within months.

IBM's sudden fall — it took only about three years — was a warning of how fast things change in the computer industry. If it could happen to IBM, say many observers, why not to Microsoft?

Mr Gates said recently, like a Roman emperor declaring war on the barbarians at his gate. At the same time, smaller and more nimble companies, such as Netscape, are running rings around it in writing the programs that help people to find their way around the web.

Even more disturbing for Microsoft are the predictions of many computer experts that the way the net is being organised will eventually make redundant the familiar PC operating programs, such as Windows.

Not surprisingly, the company's competitors are crowding. One observed that while, in evolutionary terms, Microsoft was still at the jellyfish stage, many Internet companies had already developed into vertebrates.

Nevertheless, jellyfish or not, Microsoft is still the most powerful force in the industry and one of the largest companies in the world.

The first step was a sweeping change of strategy last month when Microsoft abandoned its attempt to dominate the net by trying to tie the access to it to its Windows 95 program.

In his heart of hearts, Mr Gates may hope that the Internet will ultimately fail to live up to expectations and that consumers will decide they prefer using CD-Rom. This would, of course, ensure that Microsoft's hegemony over PC operating systems continues, at least for the foreseeable future.

Real growth begins at the Equator



ANTHONY HARRIS

The statement in this headline is a geographical travesty: but not really so far from the truth. In 1996, it is generally agreed, the G7 countries will see a slowdown from the 2.9 per cent real growth achieved in 1995 — hardly an impressive performance for what was billed as a recovery from three years in which growth averaged less than 1.3 per cent.

Can we expect some other stimulus to take its place? The popular candidate this year is the consumer. Seeing both unemployment and interest rates falling at the same time is a rare concurrence, and encouraged by the stock market boom, he will shake off his lethargy.

But G7, or even the OECD is not "the world". The benighted countries known as "the South", previously regarded as client economies of the developed world, demonstrated real dynamic growth in the Nineties.

It is the same pattern likely here? The average American is used to a high debt burden: most Europeans are debt-averse. He holds far more shares and has better job prospects than a good substitute for job security; and the value of his house is recovering, too.

Jon Ashworth on the retailing revolution that could kill off piped music

There's a new sound in store for shoppers

Deep in the heart of London's West End, a high-tech radio studio is in full swing. Lights flash and sound levels blip: "B - H - S - Ray - dee - yowwww. It's all happening at BHS."

In stores across Britain, shoppers pause in the aisles to listen. Wow, this is a professional radio service. The latest chart singles one moment, a live AA Roadwatch report the next — and all wrapped in with slick DJ'ing, bringing word of the latest special offers. Whatever happened to that dreary piped music?

Welcome to the world of Retail Broadcast Services (RBS), a fast-growing broadcast company that is turning the world of retail on its head. For the past year, shoppers in BHS stores have been treated to a tailor-made radio service, BHS Radio, which is beamed in by satellite from the London studios.

Long-suffering shelf-packers no longer have to listen to the same old songs repeating every two hours on continuous loop. Shoppers can enjoy music and DJ'ing tailored to the time of day — soft and soothing for the morning housewives, fast and snappier for the lunchtime trade. This is Capital Radio quality, with customised information thrown in.

And it's spreading. Virgin Megastore Radio, broadcast live from Tottenham Court Road, is beamed to Virgin outlets across the UK via the RBS studios. Texas, the DIY chain, rocks to the rhythm of Texas FM, which is conveyed to stores across the country via satellite dish, reaching an audience of one million listeners a week.

There is talk of adding motorway service stations to the list, enticing motorists with chat, music and the latest travel updates. Anyone with an Astra dish can tune to Texas FM, BHS Radio or Virgin Megastore Radio — and the stations are winning a loyal following. "We get letters from all over Europe," says Dean Miles, sales and marketing



Chris Parkinson, left, of Hammond Suddards, and Dean Miles, sales and marketing director for RBS, are in tune with shoppers

director for RBS. "We've even had one from the Ukraine." Texas FM became an instant success when it was launched two years ago. "We do have the power to clear bins and sell-out T-shirts," says Miles. "Texas see it as a service to the customer: making the environment better, making the customer stay longer. It's also good for staff morale.

We might run an interview with the chairman, talking about the financial results, or feature staff competitions. "The idea was, why not have their own customised radio station tailored to the times of day," says Chris Parkinson, who advises RBS as head of media finance at Hammond Suddards, the law firm. "First thing, it's: get the staff motivated, wake

them up. Then it's softer. Coming up to lunchtime, they'll switch to something more modern and boppy." Miles says RBS is set to revolutionise retail trading. "It's never been done in this sort of format before. This is a radio station. It's all about trying to get new listeners. If customers stop coming in to the stores, we've got a problem." Relent-

less growth by RBS has inevitably angered the in-store music industry, which has enjoyed a monopoly on tape sales worth some £40 million a year. Stores are also locked in to long leases on sound equipment, making the total annual value of the market as much as £100 million. RBS has even received threatening phone calls and been harassed by competitors hoping to buy it out.

Enviably, RBS has sunk vast sums into its London studios without incurring an overdraft. Expansion has been financed step by step, purchasing CDs and equipment using sponsorship fees paid by the stores. Eager to step up the pace, RBS is sounding out brokers on the merits of a private placing or a move to the Alternative Investment Market (AIM).

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There is no telling where it could lead. RBS is about to be broadcast to university campuses, relaying tailor-made shows from a studio in Wakefield. There is talk of targeting hairdressing salons and shops — Hairdresser FM or DIY FM. Hospitals and Post Office counters may follow. RBS will act as the intermediary, relaying signals and providing shows if required.

Soon, shopping in Britain could be a highly pleasurable experience. Think about that the next time you're stuck in a six-strong queue with the tannoy blaring: "Mr Jones to checkout one."

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Early losses clawed back

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# INTERFACE

Peter James picks his way through the digital dirt track to unearth the treasures awaiting us in 1996

## After a year of dead-ends, we're resurfacing the superhighway

Britain discovered the Internet in 1994 and the party started. In 1995 we woke up to the morning after — the greatest virtual hangover in history. The first half of the year kicked off with a bash the net, trash the net vengeance. The superhighway became the superhighway and hyperspace dissolved into hyperhole. The dream looked rocky. Only the techno-brigade was happy.

For too long their sacred territory had looked in danger of being hijacked from under their keyboards. The world was saying what they had known all along: the information superhighway was a myth. It was no more than a digital dirt track, the happy hunting ground of the geek, the soapbox of the

from an elitist gizmo into the business tool no company can afford to ignore. It will become devastatingly efficient, awesomely powerful and by far the cheapest and most effective communications system in history.

Ease of use, reliability and speed will be the key developments in 1996. So far the trinity of hardware, software and net infrastructure has not been a happy one. In the early days the Internet backbone was solid but the hardware was flaky, and the software navigable only by Unix-literate rocket scientists. Two years ago there was a change. The

' Surfing the net on the software of today is rather like driving a Ferrari across a ploughed field '

hardware became brilliant but the software became flaky. People used to driving modern cars that never break down found themselves saddled with the software equivalent of a 1948 Ford Popular. Now both the software and the hardware are state-of-the-art but the net infrastructure has been left behind. Surfing the net right now on today's computers and software is like trying to drive a Ferrari across a ploughed field.

E-mail is fine, reliable and very fast, but the web is a banana republic. There is a world-wide drought of bandwidth. As far as the World Wide Web goes, the information superhighway is technology's equivalent of the M25 with ten times the traffic load

and no tarmac. We switch on our television sets and we don't expect *Panorama* or *Cracker* to take half an hour to download on to our screens; we expect instant access. The backbone providers are racing to be able to provide this access. And they will — it is starting to happen in the United States and it will happen in Britain before the end of this year.

But a lot more will happen here also this year, because the net is no longer the world's best-kept secret: it is about money; making money, spending money and saving money. E-mail is 20 times

cheaper than sending a fax by the end of 1996 all office managers will have put their companies online.

The Internet goes way beyond money, however. It may have embraced that one universal grail in its fibre-optic tentacles, but it has also encompassed the essence — if not yet the actual spirit — of human existence, in a handful of dust-free bytes on a floppy disk.

You can't yet be born on the net but you can order your coffin from the Carus A Howard funeral home and you can have a virtual memorial forever in cyberspace. You can job-hunt, house-hunt, be diagnosed by your doctor, worship with the congregation in a church, find a spouse, buy groceries, a car and insurance, and read your virtual newspaper on a virtual beach on your virtual holiday.

What we will see coming in during 1996 are major advances not just in user-friendly interfaces, but in technology-friendly interfaces, such as screens you instruct simply by touching or talking to them.

We will see major increases in bandwidth, making the downloading of web sites, records or movies very much faster, and we will see vast improvements in the mapping and navigating of the net: 1996 will be the year we will stop surfing the net on a battered board and start cruising in it style.

So far, with the exception of the odd gimmick, the net has been about words, images and more recently, sounds. Now it is about to get physical. Al-



ready a prototype glove exists enabling two people, anywhere in the world, to share physical sensations. Soon, while at work in your office, you will be able to cook the dinner at home, record a TV programme, let in the gasman and keep an eye on him on your screen, and even feed the cat.

If you think a verbal command might be too difficult to master, don't panic. Fujitsu in Japan has already devised the first cerebral one. All you have to do is think instructions to your computer.

This could be the final stage before our own brains become chip-activated; before we start to see friends wandering around at parties with little

tags clipped to their ears saying *intel inside!*

Then we will know we have achieved the ultimate interface and the roles will have been reversed. It will no longer be our machines that will be the true servants of the Cyberage, but ourselves. But that of course won't happen just yet. At least, not this year...

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## Keeping tabs on who wears designer labels

From beans to babies, everything is barcoded. Chris Ward reports

BARCODES were invented more than 100 years ago by an American cattle shipper who wanted to identify his rail wagons, and now grace everything from baked beans and babies to the Royal Navy's aircraft spare parts.

These Universal Product Codes, as they are more properly known, are allocated by the Universal Codes Council based in Dayton, Ohio. But you even obtain your own personal barcode on the Internet from <http://www.milk.com/barcode/>.

The problem with barcodes is that they need lasers and coherent light sources to read them fully. Even with today's technology, they can be rendered useless by something as simple as a coating of frost or dust on the reader's window.

As a result, the search has been continuing for a means of identifying objects which is as cheap as a barcode but impervious to harm. Now id Systems Ltd of Knutsford, Cheshire, thinks it has found the answer with its FutureTag system.

The size and shape of a postage stamp, a FutureTag is a printed low-profile copper-etched antenna which can be scanned by a reader up to three metres away. The Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) tag is read using low-power radio waves working in the 125 KHz range which can pass through most substances except metal, allowing the FutureTag to be embedded inside objects.

"They are as cheap to produce as barcodes," says Deborah Latham, market development manager. "You'll even be able to put them on tins of beans, so a scanner could read an entire trolley-load of groceries in one go."

The advantage of FutureTags over barcodes, she says, is that information can also be given to them. "If you had, say, a container load of

car wings you could tell one it was to go to be painted green, another red and so on."

FutureTags can store up to 8k of information ranging from a simple number to complex routing information. And because, unlike barcodes, they don't need to be within sight of the reader they could be used to identify underground pipes or equipment in hazardous environments.

RFID technology is also behind a pet-tagging scheme backed by the RSPCA. Animals — including the royal corgis Oxo and Bisto — have an 1mm microchip injected into the loose skin on the back of their necks. The chip holds a 10-digit identification number which can be read by RFID scanners in hundreds of RSPCA and animal rescue centres. That information is stored in the PetLog national computer database, so the owner of any lost animal can be quickly traced.

About 200,000 dogs, several thousand cats and a few hundred horses currently have implanted chips, which cost £25. The RSPCA is pressing for the scheme to be made compulsory, as it is in France.

Similar technology is behind the Home Office Offender Tagging trials, whereby criminals are put under surveillance. If they stray more than a set distance from a RFID receiver a warning signal is sent to police. The technology is not perfect yet, though, and it is expected that the original six-month trial due to end next month will be extended.

RFID tags are also on trial in several maternity hospitals to avert the threat of newborn babies being stolen, and in retirement homes worried about residents straying. The complete system costs £10,000.

"FutureTag will be available next year," says Latham. "We're thinking up new applications for it every day."

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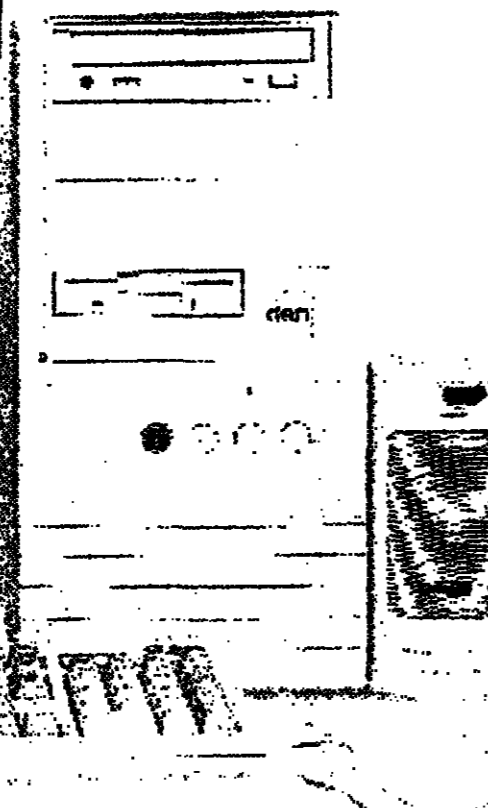
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### Boat show is on the crest of a virtual wave

THE Internet will surface at the London International Boat Show which opens at Earls Court on Friday — and surprise visitors who thought the marine world had escaped technology.

An "Internet Deck" has been created with 24 Zenith computers which visitors will use to surf the net and sporting enthusiasts will be able to "race" the computers on a specified course.

The "cyberspace" is one of the biggest at a non-computer exhibition in Britain — far larger than those provided by the major political parties at their annual conferences last au-

turn — and results directly from BT's sponsorship of this year's round-the-world yacht race. The BT Global Challenge.

"We are sponsoring the race to increase the global awareness of the BT brand and also using it as a technology base to explain what we are doing with other products and services," says Kim Fittimmons, special events manager for the race.

Visitors to the net deck will be able to monitor a prototype of the new race-reporting system developed by BT.

"We have been co-sponsors of successive round-the-world races and each time we have developed the race-

trailing technology to make it more watchable," says Bob Semaine, BT's project director.

Visitors will also be able to join in regular links via the Internet and Inmarsat satellite with Sam Brewster, the yachtswoman currently sailing round the world.

"With the latest developments in satellite and online communications, the action and personalities involved in this year's boat show," says Denzil Lee of the organisers, the British Marine Industries Federation.

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### Chris Partridge reports on a digital expedition to Antarctica

#### In a winter wonderland

SCHOOL children around the world have been on an expedition to Antarctica via the Internet.

The Terraquest expedition aboard the polar cruise vessel Livonia visited Graham Land, the peninsula that sticks up from Antarctica towards the tip of South America, just before Christmas. Aboard the ship was a battery of satellite communications equipment operating on the maritime Inmarsat system, which enabled expedition members to post bulletins and digitised pictures on the Terraquest.com site.

Some team members even conducted live sessions, answering questions on the ecology of the region.

The expedition was led by American adventure writer Richard Bangs, author of *Riding the Dragon's Back*, an award-winning chronicle of the first descents down the Yangtze, and polar explorer Jonathan Chester.

They built up quite an archive of material on the Antarctic and its ecology, much of which is now available on the web site. Several pages are devoted to the ecological balance of the region, revolving around a small shrimp-like creature called krill, the staple food for whales and other cetaceans and as a major engine of photosynthesis.

The strength of the site is

that the descriptions have a liveliness and immediacy that gives a real sense of place. Photographs and even short videos accompany the text.

Perhaps the most vivid description is written by Richard Bangs: "Landing at Bailey's Head on Deception Island was like storming Coney Island on a sizzling Sunday in August. There were countless penguins milling about, some resting, some bathing, some waddling up the sooty hill."

"Our first stop was at a black sand beach famous for the size of its penguin colony. There just is no way to describe a landscape that features these numbers, and the eye plays tricks as it sweeps the horizon: in the middle distance what looks like an overcooked meatloaf generously sprinkled with salt and pepper is really

his family in San Francisco by e-mail via a satellite link. His last letter noted that it was a lonely experience "but I have several hundred thousand new friends to keep me company... already, some have popped their noses into my cabin to welcome me."

Those new friends won't be able to e-mail him back because they are penguins. But other would-be explorers can reach him at [goodpasture@earthlink.net](mailto:goodpasture@earthlink.net).

One member of the team, photographer and writer Victor Goodpasture, will probably not be there, however. He was so overwhelmed by the beauty of Antarctica that he set up camp and stayed on to do further research. He's keeping in touch with



Penguins waddle across the expedition's net site

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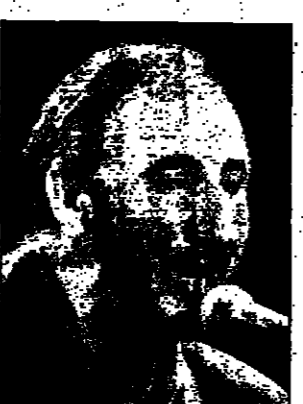


PREVIEW At Covent Garden, a new Royal Opera production for Michael Tippett's The Midsummer Marriage

From the deaf, dumb and blind kid to Cézanne to the lives of topless lovelies: Times critics mark your card for the season

The highlights of the spring collection

Whether your search is for musicals or straight plays, the coming months in the West End will have a decidedly American look.



Pete Townshend's Tommy hits the West End in March

with Tom Conti as a remarried divorcee. Zoe Wanamaker brings Sylvia...

key, brings Antony Sher as the painter Spencer to the Concourse on February 1...

Elsewhere in London, watch especially for Valley Song, Athol Fugard's latest look at his native South Africa...



Bound for the Tate: Cézanne's Les Grandes Baigneuses (1894-1905); the other version of the painting, executed in 1906, will also be part of the show

Advance booking has already opened for the Tate Gallery's major exhibition, the major highlight of the new year's exhibitions...

1896, will be represented by most of his major paintings and sculpture. If Leighton's exhibition marks the centenary of his death...

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The Royal Opera should rouse us all from post-Christmas torpor with a new production of Tippett's The Midsummer Marriage...

Christopher, and sung by Paul Charles Clark and Janice Watson (April 16).

Glasgow files the Stars and Stripes (Feb 7 to 17), with the Festival of American Arts and Music directed by the American conductor Andrew Litton...

respectively; observers of the Machiavellian London orchestral scene will doubtless read significant things into that.

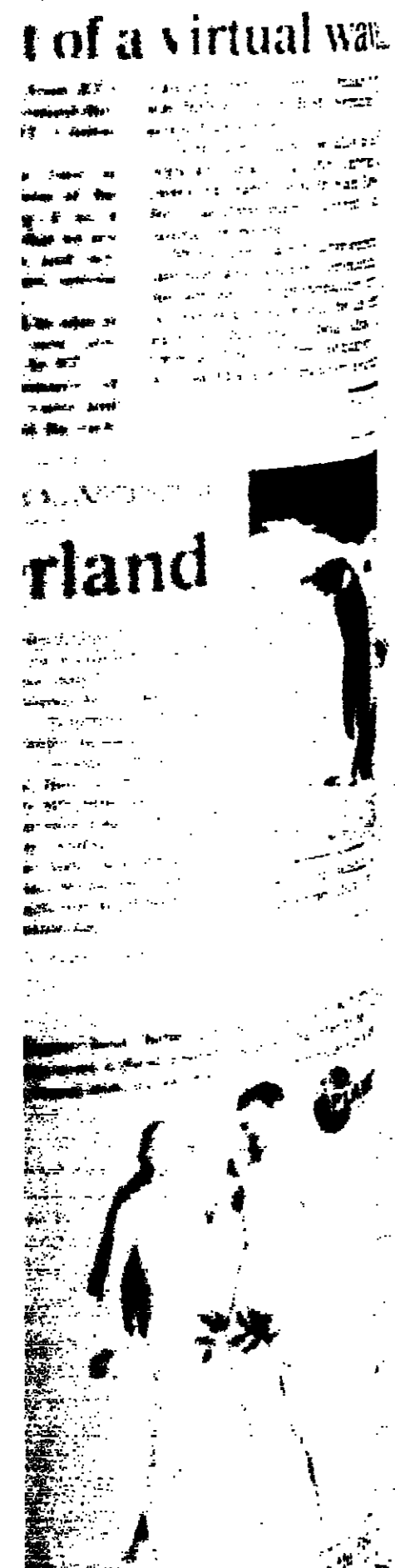
Heat (Jan 26) is another American film to look out for. As in Casino, the length - three hours - is not justified...

Stone, fires off his salvo in Nixon (Mar 15), featuring Anthony Hopkins as Tricky Dicky. That, too, lasts three hours.

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"The boss warned me I was being a bit idealistic," says teacher Chris Wormald, here conducting the award-winning Smithills School Senior Brass Band

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They left home at four o'clock in the morning and returned 24 hours later. No sleep in between. The gig had been Stravinsky at the Albert Hall...

Bury Music Centre. "Music for Youth is what got me going," he says. "I vowed that if ever I could get my kids to the Albert Hall..."

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**Lottery-rich Portsmouth need not spend £500m on attracting more visitors, says Marcus Binney**

In the great race to celebrate the millennium, the urban neighbours in the South have taken a spectacular lead. Paul Spooner, the head of marketing for Portsmouth-Gosport region, is jubilant. "We have £40 million from the National Lottery and £9 million from the Government Challenge Fund," he says. "And we have just been named Port of the Year. We are talking of a £500 million programme."

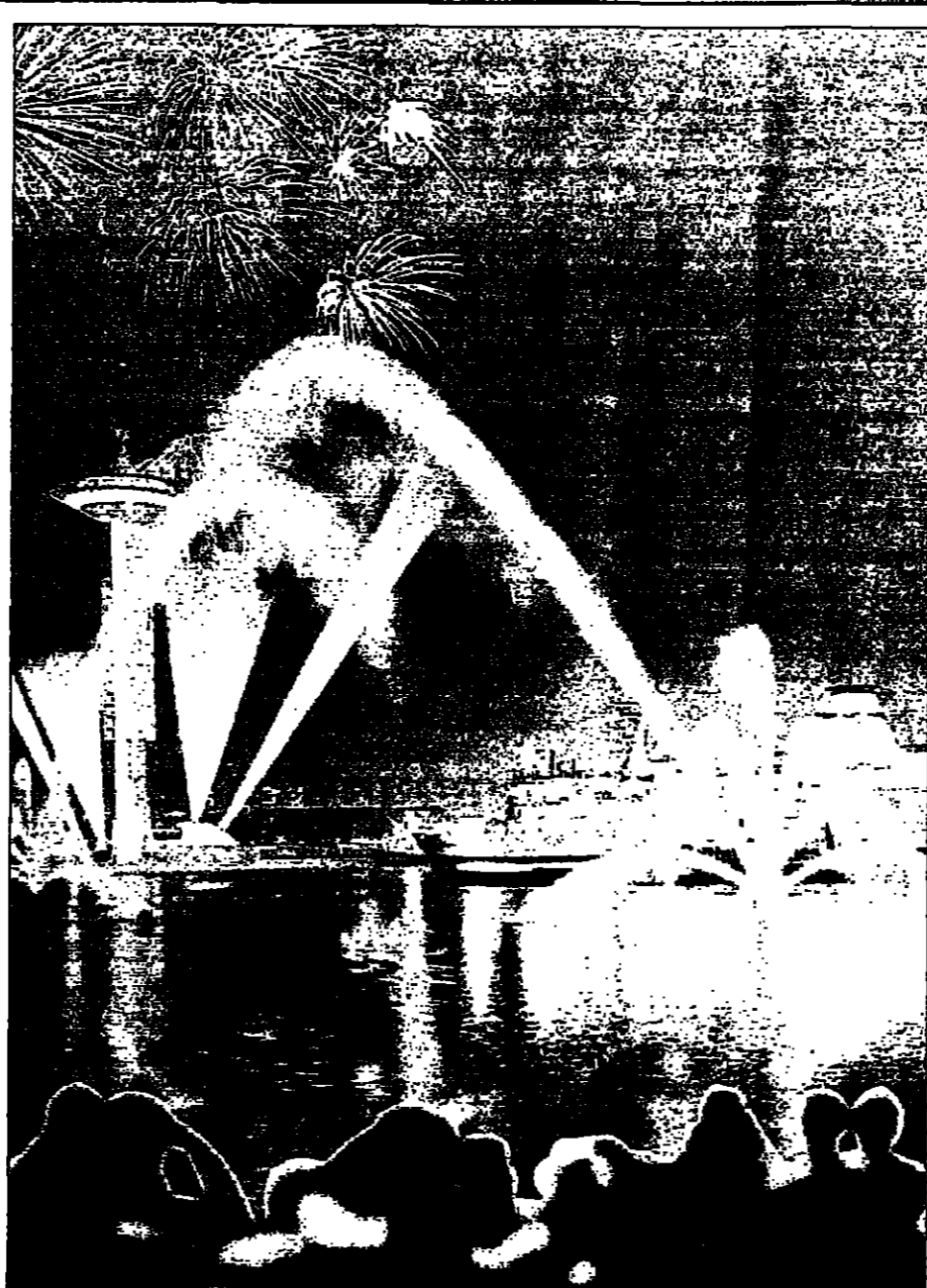
This could be the most striking piece of urban revival in Britain, matching the rejuvenated American waterfronts of Boston and Baltimore. There is even a £100 million plan put forward by Hampshire County Council to link Portsmouth and Gosport by a light railway under the harbour.

Gunwharf, next to the harbour railway station, is billed as a new home for the *Royal Yacht Britannia*, converted to a conference centre and moored alongside a San Francisco-style fisherman's wharf with shops, cafés, restaurants and a new waterside hotel.

But is too high a proportion of lottery funds being used to create new attractions when money should be invested in giving a secure future to the historic ships and more of the naval dockyard buildings?

Portsmouth's aim is to draw more people to the city. But where will they stay? According to Michelin, the hotel situation in Pompey is dire compared with that at other top resorts — unless you stay across the water at Fareham.

So where is the lottery money going? First, into creating five kilometres of waterfront promenades. It could be Portsmouth's answer to London's Embankment, com-



A computer's eye view of how Portsmouth Harbour may look on December 31, 1999

plete with resplendent sculptural lamp stands, granite walls and Yorkstone paving. But Celia Clarke, the chairman of the Portsmouth Society, claims that not enough trouble is being taken to ensure high-quality modern design.

With good reason. Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, urged Portsmouth to hold an international design competition for the proposed 165m-high, £24 million harbour observation tower. Portsmouth should be looking for a modern-day Eiffel. Britain today bristles with inspired engineers who, perhaps using masts and rigging as a motif, could design a world-famous landmark. But Portsmouth is dodging the issue. "We've had interest from Hong Kong and America," Spooner says. "We don't want to end up with a tower that no one wants to build."

So it will be a competition between developers. Portsmouth commissioners with an artist's impression showing a great water arch spanning the whole harbour. Things have since changed a bit. "It would," says one sceptic, "have required the largest marine pump ever built and would have sunk every ship that came into the harbour."

But the resourceful Spooner has gone to Geneva with his team to study the famous fountain on the lake. They are now planning two 150m Geneva-style vertical jets, which will tilt 45 degrees to meet and form a millennium "M", or a single 300m water arch. Lit by lasers, it will provide the world's first permanent night-time rainbow.

Below water, fans will fire smaller plumes, like tugs

**Eve takes the biggest bite of the Big Apple**

**THEATRE: Matt Wolf on the best — and worst — of the shows in a New York currently ruled by women**

Step into a New York theatre this season, and one finds an array of divas whose like Manhattan has not seen in an age. Benedict Nightingale has already reported in these pages of the varying appeal of Zoe Caldwell (*Master Class*), Carol Burnett (*Moon Over Buffalo*) and Julie Andrews (*Victor/Victoria*). To them one could add Carol Channing in her unimpeachable Broadway reprise as Dolly Levi, and Uta Hagen, who has made an off-Broadway smash out of *Mrs Klein*, by the National Theatre's literary adviser, Nicholas Wright.

Do men exist hardy enough to hold their own? Yes, in commercial terms anyway, if you're Patrick Stewart, the English classical actor-turned-*Star Trek* icon, who on Sunday finished a ten-week Broadway stint as Prospero in *The Tempest*. This production marked the commercial transfer of one first staged outdoors last summer in Central Park, where Trekkers and Bardophiles alike queued from 4am to snag the 1,800 free tickets on offer every evening.

What that same audience might think after spending \$60 on Broadway is anyone's guess, although at the matinee I attended no less an actor than Mandy Patinkin failed to return to his seat after the interval. While one admires director George C. Wolfe's desire to reinvent Shakespeare for American audiences, the result mangles the play's poetry and meaning.

This cheapening is embodied in the Miranda of Carrie Preston, who plays Prospero's daughter in a relentlessly cheeky sing-song that confuses youthful impetuosity with mental retardation. But Preston is not much worse than Mario Cantone's camp Stephen or Ross Lehman, late of London's *The Hot Mikado*, as his sidekick, Trinculo. Amid such players, Stewart emerges as the most sensibly spoken performer, but also oddly subdued, as if his thoughts were elsewhere — the Klingon empire, perhaps.

Wolfe is on happier ground on his home base, off Broadway's Joseph Papp Public Theatre, with *Bring In 'da Noise, Bring In 'da Funk*, an evening as embracing as *The Tempest* was dispiriting. The



Kathryn Meisle and Michael Cumpsty in David Hare's *Racing Demon*, the season's boldest experiment so far

ambitious aim is to chart the development of black America through movement, or, as the show's subtitle puts it, to offer "a trapdoor discourse on the savoring power of the bear". That the piece mostly meets its goal is a credit to the same savvy that Wolfe brought to Broadway's *Angels In America*, as well as a star, 22-year-old Savion Glover, whose feet glide effortlessly through the show's mix of history, sociology, and choreographic razzle-dazzle. One only wishes urban rap poet Reg E. Gaines possessed the language to match the evening's varied mood — and moves.

A senior artist, Athol Fugard, achieves a compar-

**VISUAL ART: How Berlin saw Moscow and vice versa**

**Best friends and deadly foes**

Deep inside the Berlinische Galerie is a triptych of paintings that tells quite a tale. A portrait of Stalin is flanked on the left by a painting of the underground palaces of his Moscow Metro; and on the right — but at a much wider distance — by Sergei Latschishkin's 1926 *The balloon has flown away*, two grey verticals of apartment blocks containing a central radiance of sky in which a tiny red balloon is disappearing.

This curiously asymmetrical hanging gives a due to the genesis of *Moscow-Berlin, Berlin-Moscow 1900/1950*, an exhibition which provides both an illuminating context

and stimulating supplement for the Hayward Gallery's *Art and Power*. Jointly curated by Berlin and Moscow's Pushkin Gallery, the exhibition was conceived long before the Wall came down. Even as it was being mounted, Moscow insisted the paintings be hung in this way.

Where the Hayward's exhibition focuses on the fate of individual artists between 1930 and 1945, that at the Berlinische Galerie is held together by the tensions between forces and ideologies.

Art and politics, blood and night, upheaval and catastrophe intrude into every viewpoint, just as they crashed their way into the 20th century. As fine art, photography, architectural plans, theatre literature and music fight for space, order is imposed by chronology.

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The exhibition is a cornucopia of German Expressionist art: Moscow, long deprived of a sight of the canvases, was greedy for as much Kirchner, Marc and Kandinsky as it could get its hands on.

After the October Revolution, Berlin was a centre of Russian immigration and a vibrant public platform for both proponents and opponents of the Revolution. Ivan Puni's *Synthetic Musician* of 1921, created in Berlin, became a symbol of the gallery itself.

But the Weimar Republic and the Moscow of the New Economic Policy were only temporary laboratories for Modernism. The exhibition shows the gradual erosion of liberties: the hardening of canvases into the fearful symmetries of Vladimir Vasilyev's *The Commanding Family* (1938) and Adolf Wissel's *Kalenberg Peasant Family* (1939), or Gerassimov's *Stalin on the Kremlin Wall*.

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# Costs order inappropriate

### Fitzgerald and Others v Williams and Others

### O'Regan and Others v Same

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Waite and Lord Justice Otton

[Judgment December 20]

Having regard to articles 6 and 220 of the EC Treaty, the English court should not, in the exercise of its discretion, order security for costs under Order 23, rule 1(1)(a) of the Rules of the Supreme Court to be given by an individual plaintiff who is a national of and resident in another member state party to the Brussels Convention on Jurisdiction and the Enforcement of Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters (OJ 1972 L249/32).

The Court of Appeal so held, allowing an appeal by the plaintiffs. It of whom were (i) Irish citizens resident in the Republic of Ireland, from Sir John Wood, sitting as a deputy judge of the Queen's Bench Division, who had ordered them to give security for the costs of the first defendant, Bryn Lloyd Williams, in the sum of £100,000 within 14 days in respect of the action they had brought against him and other defendants claiming damages for fraudulent misrepresentation and the recovery of sums allegedly belonging to them.

The court also allowed the plaintiffs' appeal against further orders of Sir John Wood (i) discharging a Mareva injunction-injunction on the grounds of non-disclosure, (ii) granting the first defendant leave to draw on funds to which the plaintiffs made a proprietary claim, (iii) refusing to secure funds held by the sixth defendant for the fourth defendant, and (iv) as to mode of trial.

Mr Peter Hovey and Mr A. Fraser-Urquhart for the plaintiffs; Mr Andrew Macnab as amicus curiae; the first defendant in person.

**THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS**, referring to the issue of security for costs, said that the question was whether the plaintiffs who were resident in Ireland had Community law rights which the court had to respect by holding

that it had no jurisdiction to make an order for security against them, or if it continued to have jurisdiction by refraining from the exercise of its discretion to make an order.

His Lordship referred to *Porzellack KG v Porzellack (UK) Ltd* (1987) 1 WLR 430, *De By v Fitzgerald* (1990) 1 WLR 532 and *Berkeley Administration Inc v McClelland* (1990) 2 QB 407.

In that last case Lord Justice Parker and Lord Justice Russell, reversing the judge's decision and ordering security against plaintiff companies ordinarily resident in other Brussels Convention EC member states, had rested their judgments on the conclusion that Order 23, rule 1(1)(a) related to residence, not nationality, and thus did not discriminate, even coastly on the ground of nationality, so as to impugn article 7 of the EC Treaty.

Lord Justice Staughton had reached the same destination but by a different route, holding that a provision, such as that rule, directed at those of national residence in the UK was tantamount in its practical effect to a provision directed at nationals of other countries or principally affected such nationals.

He had then considered whether such different treatment was objectively justifiable and concluded that the conferment of a discretion was objectively justifiable. His preferred conclusion was that there was no discrimination under the rule since there was no different treatment which was not objectively justified.

The court was now asked to reconsider that line of authority in the light of Case C-388/92 *Mund and Fester v Haters International Transport* (1994) ECR I-467.

There the question was whether paragraph 91(7) of the German Code of Civil Procedure, in authorising seizure of assets where judgment was to be enforced abroad, even in a country which was party to the Brussels Convention, was contrary to the prohibition of discrimination in article 7, now article 6 of the EC Treaty.

1. Did the rule fall within the scope of the Treaty provisions? The answer was in the affirmative. The formal distinction between the present rule and the German provision could not be held to support a difference of principle between them and the same legal rule governed both.

2. Did articles 6 and 220 of the EC Treaty confer rights directly enforceable in member states following legislative implementation of the Convention? Again the answer was affirmative. The *Mund* decision clearly proceeded on that basis.

3. Was the rule discriminatory? The rule plainly empowered the court to make orders against plaintiffs ordinarily resident out of the jurisdiction which it could not make against plaintiffs ordinarily resident within it. Therefore, it involved discrimination in the sense used by the court in *Mund*, in that different plaintiffs were treated differently.

4. Was that discrimination based on nationality? On its face the discrimination for which the rule provided was based on ordinary residence not nationality. But there was a close

### In re M (a Minor) (Habitual Residence)

Before Lord Justice Millett and Lord Justice Balcombe

[Judgment December 20]

A dispute over a child's habitual residence under the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction (Schedule I of the Child Abduction and Custody Act 1985) was a dispute about the child's future, not a dispute between the parents. It was to be determined as a matter of fact.

Habitual residence could not be acquired by a child who was not physically resident in the country concerned. The mere act of taking the child to a particular country might not be enough to confer habitual residence.

Where both parents had parental responsibility and had agreed where the child should live, one parent could not by a unilateral decision alter the child's habitual residence.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing an appeal by the father against a decision of Mrs Justice Branson in *Re A (Wardship Jurisdiction)* (1995) 1 FLR 767.

In that case Mrs Justice Hale had said, apparently obiter: "... even if there had been such an agreement as would change the child's habitual residence for the time being, it would have required the continued agreement of both parents to make that situation

continue. Despite the normal principle that each parent can act unilaterally it must be possible for either parent in that position, and in the absence of a court order, to revoke their agreement to their child being habitually resident abroad, so as to have the dispute between them resolved in their own home country where they both are."

His Lordship had difficulty in following that particular piece of argument. It treated habitual residence as a legal concept whereas the House of Lords in *Re J (a Minor) (Abduction: Custody Rights)* (1990) 2 AC 562 had said it was a question of fact.

Someone must be resident to acquire habitual residence. The child's residence in India could not become a residence in England and Wales without his ever having left the country. To hold otherwise would be to abandon the factual basis and the definition of habitual residence in metaphysical legal concepts.

LORD JUSTICE MILLETT said habitual residence was a question of fact, not an artificial legal construction. It was not possible for a person to acquire residence in a country while remaining throughout in another country. Neither parent could change the child's habitual residence unilaterally.

Having joint responsibility, the parents had decided K should be

resident in India. He was still physically present and resident there.

Since she did not have sole parental responsibility even had the mother removed K without his father's consent it could not have changed his habitual residence. A fortiori a mere decision on her part could not change his habitual residence.

Even if the mother had had sole responsibility the child would not be resident in England and Wales while he remained in India.

The decision of Mrs Justice Hale appeared to be obiter but his Lordship could not accept them as a correct statement of the law since it turned habitual residence into an artificial legal concept contrary to the decision in *Re J*.

If a single parent sent a child to Australia and after years had passed decided the child should return, the only place for the dispute to be tried would be Australia.

Here the parties having physical care of the child had the support of one of the parents. The judge had assumed that it was a dispute between the parents. In fact it was a dispute about the future of the child. Parliament had decided the dispute should be determined in the country where the child was habitually resident.

Solicitors: Walker Morris, Leeds; Castle Sanderson, Leeds; Official Solicitor.

### Company 'in person' cannot recover costs

Jonathan Alexander Ltd v Proctor

Before Lord Justice Hirst, Lord Justice Peter Gibson and Mr Justice Buxton

[Judgment December 21]

A company which instead of employing a solicitor authorised a director to act and appear for it in court proceedings was not entitled to recover costs. Nor was it a litigant in person within the meaning of the Litigants in Person (Costs and Expenses) Act 1975.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by Jonathan Alexander Ltd from an order of Deputy Judge Hunter made in West London County Court on June 3, 1994 that the appeal of the defendant, Amanda Proctor, against the order for costs made by District Judge Trevel on April 7, 1994 following the trial of its action for the unpaid balance of money due under a building contract be granted and declaring that the company having appeared at the trial by a director was not entitled to costs as a litigant in person.

Mr Allen Dyer for the company; Mr David Lorr for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE HIRST said at the trial before Judge Medawar

the company had been represented by one of its directors.

The issue was whether it was in principle entitled to recover its costs of some £25,000, mainly an hourly rate for the director's time, but including £7,500 for fees of expert witnesses.

Mr Dyer submitted that the correct starting point was section 51 of the Supreme Court Act 1981, which he submitted gave the court the widest possible discretion in the award of costs. As a second line of argument he had submitted that the company was a litigant in person within the scope of the 1975 Act.

Mr Lord submitted that crucial issue was the meaning of "costs". Apart from exceptions relating to small claims and arbitration proceedings, costs were restricted, first, to charges and disbursements incurred by solicitors and, second, since 1975, to sums in respect of any work done, and any expenses and losses incurred by litigants in person.

In his Lordship's judgment it was important to note that the general discretion conferred on the court by section 51 of the 1981 Act was subject to the provisions of "this or any other enactment and to rules of court".

principles the acts of the company. When a company authorised a director to act and appear for it in court proceedings and the court allowed the director to act and appear, the company acted and appeared by the director. The company was the litigant.

The crucial question was whether it could be said of the company so acting and appearing that it was a litigant in person for the purposes of the 1975 Act. In his Lordship's judgment it was not.

A litigant in person in ordinary parlance was a party to litigation who represented himself by appearing in court himself. If someone other than himself represented him, then, notwithstanding that the other person was his agent, that party was not a litigant in person.

It had been repeatedly and authoritatively stated that a company could not appear in person and against that background it was highly improbable that Parliament intended the term "litigant in person" to apply to a company represented by a director.

Mr Justice Buxton delivered a judgment concurring in part.

Solicitors: Goodman Derrick; Payne Hicks Beach.

# Minister can make own decision

### Regina v Secretary of State for the Home Department

### Ex parte Owalabi

MR JUSTICE HIDDEN said, adopting the words of Mr Justice Judge in *R v Home Secretary, Ex parte Bellow* (unreported, May 25, 1995) and those of Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, in *R v Home Secretary, Ex parte Khalidoun* (unreported, November 8, 1995), that it would not be helpful

to attempt to suggest general guidance or the criteria the secretary of state should adopt in exercising his discretion under section 21 of the 1971 Act to refer the applicant's case seeking asylum back to the adjudicator.

The secretary of state was not obliged to make any reference but could evaluate the material himself bearing in mind that it was an asylum case with very grave consequences. He need only ask himself whether he needed the benefit of a report from the adjudicator or was in a position to form a judgment on his own.

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# Topless darts point the way

THERE is no point risking predictions on anything except dead certainties, such as this being the year when we all learn to spell millenniumism. Other inevitabilities for 1996:

- A rash of news stories about videocassette recorders stolen by thieves posing as men come to return the VCR for Channel 5.
- A "quiet" royal wedding that will attract much publicity and prurient gossip as if it were held in the Abbey.
- The decomposition of ITV into one amorphous mass, as takeovers extinguish the hoary concept of "regions". Granada's Richard and Judy moving their *This Morning* sofa from Liverpool to London is just one sign.
- The outgoing Marmaduke Hussey being replaced as chairman of the BBC by someone other than Lord Owen. If the doctor could not sort out Bosnia, what could he do for the sectarian-scarred Beeb?
- Janet Street-Porter appointed

presenter of the Proms, as Radio 3 continues its drive for more accessible accents.

- Topless darts providing the guiding light to lead many reluctant viewers to the cabled glory of the Mirror Group's Live TV channel.
- Non-academics over 30 getting an e-mail address.
- Classic FM learning the hard way that jokey commercials are not funny, especially the twelfth time round.
- A cessation of the Northern Ireland Office's sprightly advertising campaign to sell the bright side of Ulster.
- More *Sunday Telegraph* stories warning that amnicentesis is bad for you.
- Serial killers getting statutory rights to literary representation.
- The discovery that the new

Broadcasting Bill allows ITV giants to take over big newspapers as well as small television companies.

- Musical chairs continuing among the big names in national newspapers without any of the big names landing in television. There's still no proof that "bi-mediality" works at the top.
- The shortage of newspaper e-mail but not the rise in newspaper and magazine cover prices.
- University courses in media and women's studies adding Dame Edna and Mrs Merton to the syllabus. Role models or hags?
- BBC press releases boasting how popular its *Pride and Prejudice* series is in the United States when in fact only a few million Public Broadcasting Service eggheads will watch it.



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Channel 4 to give real offence and run a "J'Accuse" against the Queen Mother for a story unflattering towards her sister-in-law, the Duchess of Windsor, that set in train a royal hardness of heart from which the monarchy may not recover.

- A new hairdresser for HM the Queen.
- The British General Election and the American presidential elections to be held on the same day, thus cutting by half our exposure to over-crowded studio discussions, windblown piece-to-camera and women's page analyses of the respective spouses' clothes and psyche.
- The Shopping Channel to sell groceries as well as brooches and bracelets.
- ITN's *News at Ten* and its Channel 4 News to stop acting as

though the other did not exist.

- The Advertising Standards Authority to keep up the good work, such as its reprimand last month to Morris Cerullo World Evangelism for asserting that "the miracles had happened" without submitting any evidence.
- Certain truths to become self-evident: that the audience for television sport is comparatively small, that (as proved by Hugh Grant) there is no such thing as bad publicity and that out of 500 channels people pick a few favourites and stick with those.
- Crown copyright to be abolished over the publication of legislation and parliamentary and judicial proceedings. Why should the Stationery Office have a monopoly on Hansard — and charge £4.20 a copy?
- A parental lockout code to be

found to shield children from the Internet because there is no way to stop pornography slipping into the stream.

● The *Reader's Digest* to win its fight to keep its apostrophe in the right place.

- This month's judicial review of the Independent Television Commission's contested award of the Channel 5 licence to end with no cloud over either the ITC's chairman, Sir George Russell, or its chief executive, David Glencross, two of the ablest and most unassuming public servants ever to grace broadcasting.

THE new year period is also a time for resolving to continue those habits of which you are proudest. Like avoiding any television programme in which stretchers are carried about for entertainment, like pointing out that the BBC World Service is being kicked about like an old shoe, and like leaving the room any time astrology is mentioned.

OTHER developments, while desirable, are less certain. For these, one can only hope:

- An end to fake-organic weather reports which treat a (possible) inch of snow as an imminent nuclear war and which, when it doesn't materialise, gasp with equal passion about the "new threat": thaw.



Coca-Cola projects a friendly image, but what is the reality?

## Private face behind the brand veil

How do companies measure up to their public image, asks Alan Mitchell

The Advertising Association expects marketers to spend £8.7 billion this year advertising their brands. Their creations — like the National Lottery tiger, the Andrex puppy, the Heley tea folk, the PG Tips clumps and Coca-Cola's polar bears — will be talked about, laughed about, and become part of everyday culture.

But are these brand personalities, which marketers spend so much time and money developing, little more than illusions? A survey by the marketing consultancy Drag on International seems to expose the true face of the commercial world.

Many companies employ "mystery shoppers" to test their customer services. Drag-on did the same, but with consumers' letters, sent 50 famous brand names a set of six letters on issue ranging from environmental policy to why the product's price varies from shop to shop. Each letter came from a fictitious consumer but a real address.

Others didn't take the time to read the consumers' queries. A K. Wilson of Middlesex, for example, got short shrift from Coca-Cola when he asked: "Who owns you?" The response was: "We are always pleased to hear from our consumers and we do hope you will continue to enjoy our products for many years to come." McVie's and KP Foods decline the opportunity to make a charitable donation, even when one hadn't been asked for.

Mr Wells says: "Consumers are evaluating brands over an ever-widening series of factors." While marketers worry about consumers' attitudes towards their brands, he says, they are not paying enough attention to their brand's attitude towards consumers.

Adam Lury of the advertising agency Howell Henry Caldecott Lury agrees: "Increasingly, consumers want to ask the questions, and not just listen to what brand managers want to tell them." Mr Wells ranked each brand's response for its speed, tone, quality, accuracy and fullness. The conclusion for many is: could try harder.

# Panorama's king of scoops

Diana, Child B, the lottery: Alexandra Frean talks to the man behind the bold new *Panorama*

When Steve Hewlett joined *Panorama* a year ago as editor with a brief to put the programme prominently back on the broadcasting map, he never dreamt he was about to produce the most-watched programme of the year. *Panorama*'s exclusive interview with the Princess of Wales in November was watched by 22.8 million people, making it the third highest-rating BBC programme since the current audience measurement system was introduced in 1981.

There have been other triumphs, too. The programme's moving edition in October about Jaymee Bowen, the 11-year-old leukaemia patient first known as "Child B" who was refused treatment by Cambridge Health Authority, provided the first pictures and

Launched in 1953, *Panorama* is the oldest-established current affairs programme on British television. In the 1960s, anchored by Richard Dimbleby, it became Britain's most powerful and respected current affairs show. Audiences regularly exceeded six million and occasionally touched ten million.

Faced with increasing competition from a host of news and current affairs shows on both the BBC and the commercial opposition, however, and increasingly dogged by a feeling that the BBC — prior to the renewal of its charter this year — had grown reluctant to transmit programmes that might embarrass the Tory Government, the programme had developed an image problem by the early 1990s with audiences slipping to less than four million.



Steve Hewlett wants people to say "Oh, it's *Panorama*, I wonder what's on it tonight?", not "Pass the remote control"

interview with the little girl whose plight had moved the entire nation. *Panorama*'s investigation into the National Lottery in December, in which the entrepreneur Richard Branson accused a business rival of attempted bribery, triggered a series of sensational revelations in the Commons and in the media about the way the lottery is regulated.

"Obviously, with Diana, Child B and the lottery, the idea was to seize opportunities that would enable us to break through, by which I mean get noticed," Mr Hewlett says. Mr Hewlett hopes that such headline-grabbing programmes will help to give *Panorama* a new, more relevant image. "I want people to say, 'Oh, it's *Panorama*... I wonder what's on it tonight?' instead of 'Pass the remote control'," he says.

Getting *Panorama* noticed has not always been an entirely happy experience, however. In April, Scottish judges stopped a *Panorama* interview with John Major from going out in Scotland three days before local elections there, because of complaints that it could be seen to have given the Conservatives an unfair electoral advantage.

example of addressing the political through the personal — although in this case there was clearly another agenda at work, too. Although *Panorama*'s reporter, Martin Bashir, had been preparing a programme on the monarchy for six months, it was not until September that the possibility of an interview with the Princess of Wales surfaced. "We had been looking at some of the allegations that had been in the press about there being a campaign against her and naturally the programme came to focus on her."

Martin had developed a rapport with her. I said to him: "Well, you might as well ask her," and no one was more surprised than me when the message came back, "I think I will". At that point, this office took on an air of unreality," Mr Hewlett says.

Although not present when the interview was recorded, Mr Hewlett had high expectations. "Martin's great skill was in getting to the point where he had learnt quite a lot but was still able to maintain a professional distance. He discussed with her the areas that he

wanted to talk about, but she did not get questions in advance." Mr Hewlett, a father of two, takes no pleasure in the break-up of the Waleses' marriage, but is enjoying the glory that the programme brought. The benefits for *Panorama* are clear, too. The week after the Diana interview a *Panorama* programme on race relations in the United States got an audience of four million — roughly a million more than would be expected for the subject. Subsequent editions about Yorkshire Water and the National Lottery also did better than expected.

Mr Hewlett believes that his successes at *Panorama* this year have also been based on his willingness to take risks. The success of the Jaymee Bowen programme, which took nine months to make, depended entirely on whether a court order preventing the child from being identified would be lifted.

Part of the confidence for taking such risks comes from experience, he says. Since he entered television in 1981 as a researcher, first on *Panorama* and then on *Nationwide*, he has worked as a producer on a number of news, current affairs and documentary shows

## Schedulers remember November

OUR ratings chart for the year to December 17 shows that eight of the top 20 places went to programmes screened in November.

The most watched programme of the year — *Panorama*'s sensational interview with the Princess of Wales — was a freak occurrence unlikely to be repeated. The programme peaked at 23.4 million viewers and had an average audience of 22.8 million.

Early in the year, BBC1 trumpeted the return to form of its popular drama output and rolled out several new series, including *Bugs*, an action adventure series, starring Craig McLachlan from *Neighbours*, *Hamish MacBeth*, Robert Carlyle as a local Scottish bobby, and *The Vet*, starring Jennifer Holt. They won audiences of eight to 11 million, but not one made it to the Top 20.

The BBC's single outstanding popular drama success was *Casualty*, the hospital series now entering its tenth year. It achieved a peak audience of 16.7 million.

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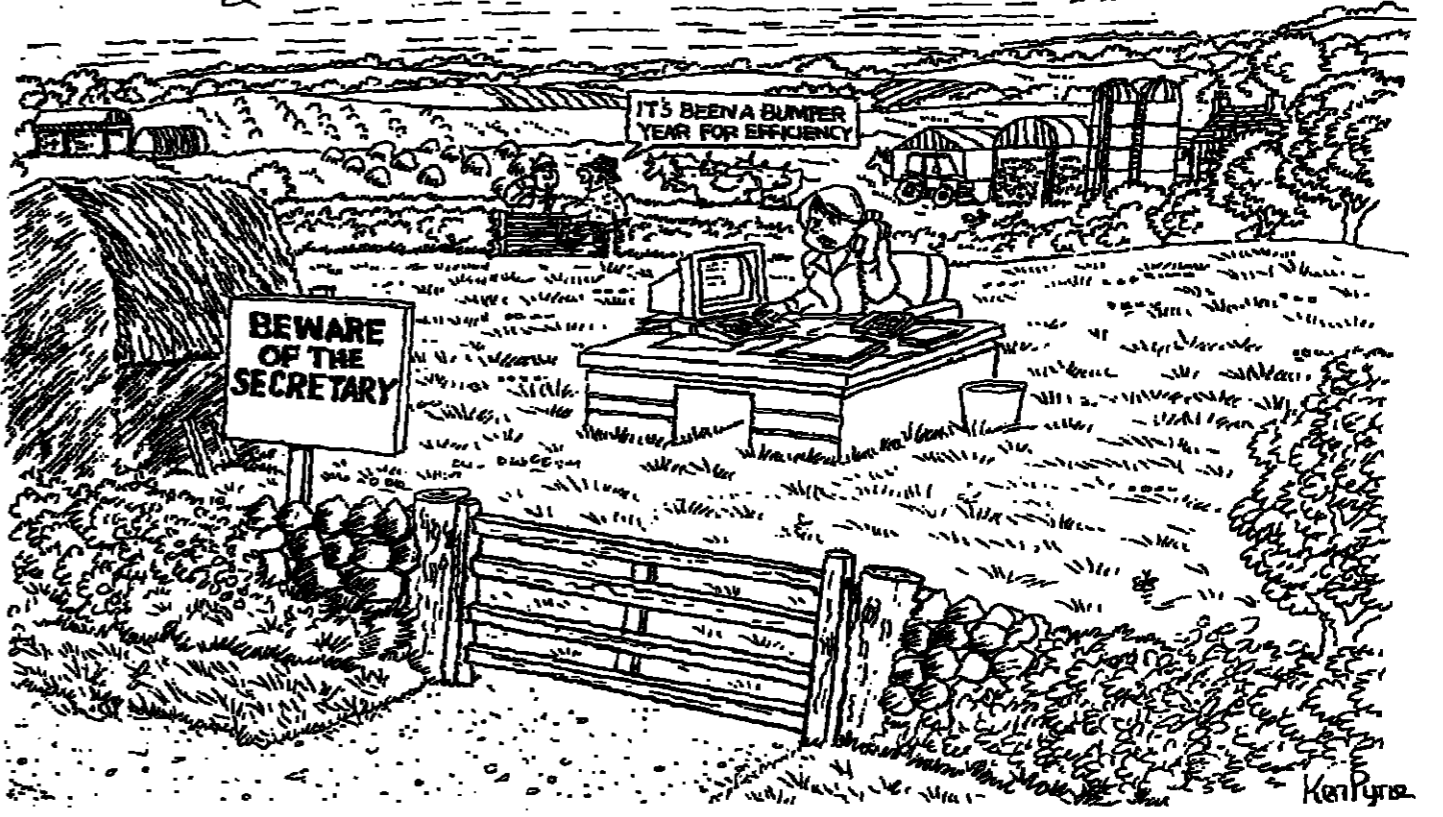
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Stewart's return sets up challenge to old order

Oliver Holt reveals why the man who steered clear of risk decided to form his own team

The motor show hardly ever stops in Detroit, but tomorrow the high rollers are coming to Motown. From his home on the shores of Lake Geneva to this frozen city on the shores of Lake Erie, Jackie Stewart, the most successful Formula One racing driver Britain has had, is arriving to launch a new assault on the upper echelons of the sport.

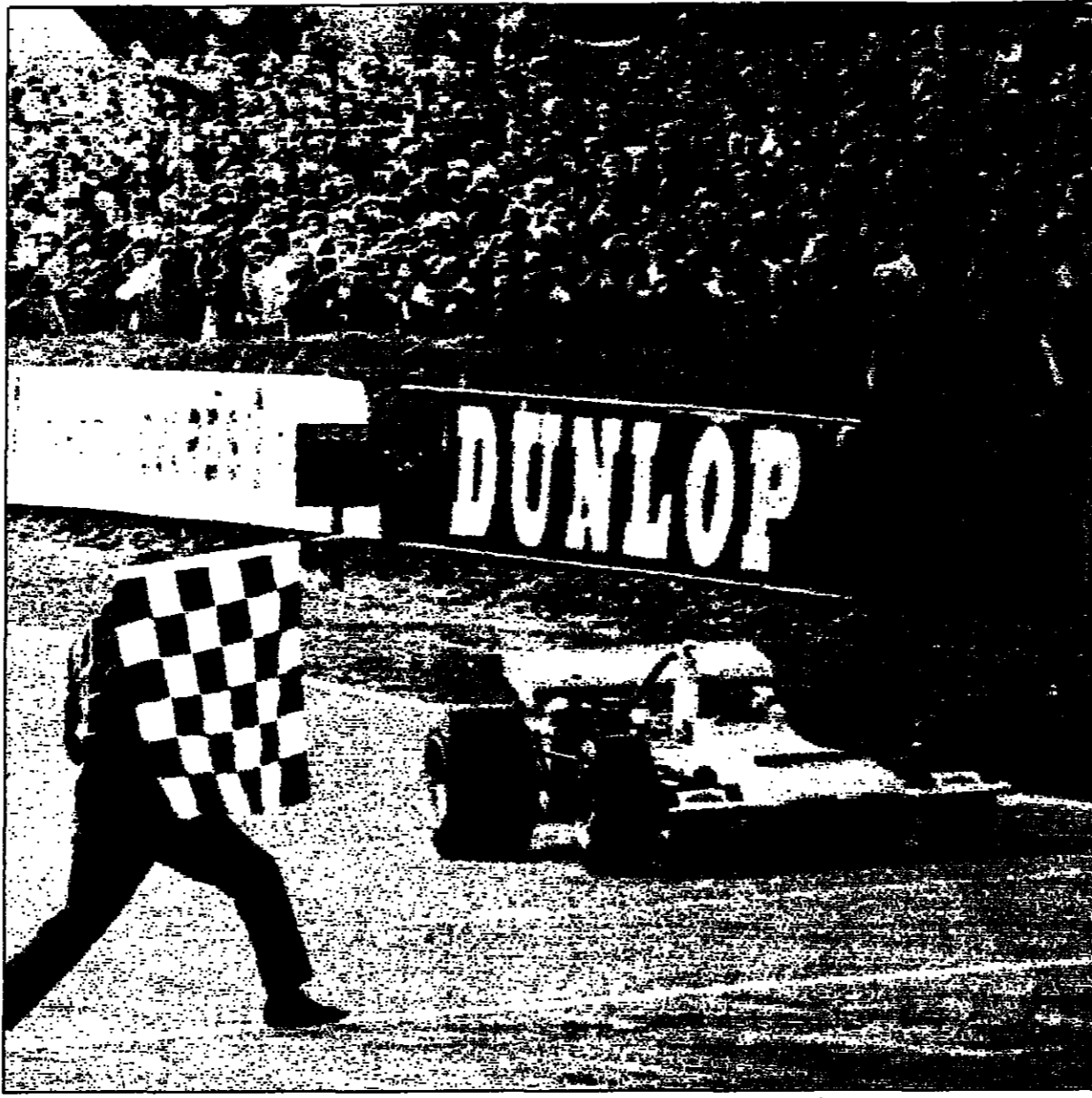
Since he won the last of his three drivers' world championships in 1973, Stewart has remained aloof from grand prix racing, pouring himself into other interests. Fraternising with royalty and running a highly successful shooting school. Amid the legion of tales of sportsmen who cannot cope with their removal from the limelight at the end of glittering careers, he seemed a glorious exception.

He came to occasional races, of course, largely to commentate, and he was chairman of Paul Stewart Racing, a team latterly run by his son, Paul, which was one of the most successful in the junior formulas. It was obvious, though, that his life had moved on and the huge bursts of adrenalin were coming from elsewhere. Yet now, the man who won 27 grands prix in 99 starts, is back.

His involvement and his continuing influence within the sport makes this an effort that could change the face of grand prix racing, every bit as significant as Benetton's entry into the sport in the 1980s. Stewart Grand Prix represents a new challenge to the old order from one of its own. The big four of Williams, Benetton, Ferrari and McLaren, may soon become the big five.

"This is probably the biggest challenge of my life," Stewart said yesterday. "Paul and I talked for a long time about whether we wanted to go into Formula One, but now we have taken the plunge. But the story of my life has been to remove the unnecessary hazards of a calculated risk-taker. That is why I am here to talk about this today, because I removed most of the hazards that could be removed when I was a driver."

'He could change the whole face of grand prix racing'



Stewart raises his hand in salute as the chequered flag comes down to signal another victory, a scene followed inevitably by the presentation of the winner's garland, right.



Stewart Grand Prix, with him as chairman and Paul, who recently retired from an undistinguished racing career as managing director, will burst on to the Formula One scene at the beginning of 1997, with an exclusive supply of the top-rank Ford engines.

No drivers have been mentioned yet, but Stewart has strong links with men like David Coulthard and Gil de Ferran, the IndyCar rookie of the year. This will not be an effort like that produced by Pacific or Simtek, recent Formula One newcomers who found they could not stand the heat. Stewart is building on strong foundations and is banking on heavy financial backing to allow him to challenge for the world championship within five years.

Stewart will build their own cars at the existing site of Paul Stewart Racing - who ran Formula 3000 drivers such as Coulthard and Dario Franchitti - in Milton Keynes before they move to a new factory at a greenfield site nearby in 1998. The 50 staff they employ now will eventually expand to more than 150. "Within the first five years, I would like to win a grand prix and be serious contenders for the world 'championship,'" Stewart said, "but you have to remember it took Frank Williams ten years."

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Rangers' domination under threat Celtic can confirm title aspirations in Old Firm match

By Kevin McCarrar

WHERE Old Firm games are concerned, Celtic have, over many years, inadvertently established themselves as the masters of the trivial victory. They have been adept at wounding Rangers' pride, but never at delivering the mortal blow. A 3-0 win for Celtic last season, when the Bell's Scottish League premier division title had already moved far beyond their reach, was typical.

Year since 1988, but that is hardly likely to prey on the players' minds after the past few months spent charring fresh territory. Tommy Burns' team, after years of dejection, have restored Celtic's reputation for flair and consistency. It only remains to be seen whether the improved image is sturdy enough to remain undented by an encounter with Rangers. Should Celtic win, they will, with two games in hand, have the potential to establish a one-point lead over their greatest rivals.

had good results despite some erratic performances," Smith said, "but now the team is settling down and starting to play some good football. Brian Laudrup is just coming back to top form after missing eight weeks with an ankle injury." Therefore, Rangers may feel confident of an eighth consecutive championship, taking them closer to eclipsing the record of nine successive titles set by Celtic between 1966 and 1974 under the management of Jock Stein.



Ally McCoist, often the scourge of Celtic, may be on the Rangers bench tonight

Havelange says Africa will host World Cup in 2006

By Our Sports Staff

JOAO Havelange, the president of Fifa, football's world governing body, wants the 2006 World Cup finals to be played in Africa.

"It [African football] is the football of the future," Havelange said. "To reward the progress that has been made, I will tell Nelson Mandela [the South Africa President] on January 10 that the 2006 World Cup will be on their continent. Africa has the right to hold its first World Cup."

Havelange is due in South Africa next week ahead of the African nations' cup, which begins there on January 13. The Fifa president indicated on a trip to Moscow in November that the idea of continents taking turns to host the World Cup was undergoing "active discussion" and would mean the finals would be held in Asia in 2002, in Africa in 2006, in South America four years later and then North America.

The next finals are to be held in France in 1998 and Fifa will decide on June 1 whether the 2002 World Cup will be held in Japan or South Korea. The decision to award the 2006 finals will not be taken for another four years and is a matter for the whole of Fifa, not just its president.

In international circles, Havelange's comments may be seen as part of his power struggle with Lennart Johansson, the president of Uefa, the European governing body, and a declared candidate for the Fifa presidency at the next elections in 1998. Havelange said in 1994 that his sixth four-year term as Fifa president, ending in 1998, would be his last, but his stance has changed since then and he has openly suggested that he may stand again.

Havelange has also attracted controversy regarding a promise he reportedly made that the 1997 world youth championship would be transferred to Nigeria from Malaysia. It has prompted Johansson to remind the parties that no decision had been taken on any transfer and that if there were to be a change it would have to be referred back to the appropriate committee for discussion.

When the matter came before Fifa's executive committee in Paris three weeks ago, it voted to stay with Malaysia, despite Havelange's earlier pledge.

Fifa plans to move goalposts in bid to entertain

By Our Sports Staff

FIFA proposes to move the goalposts further apart and raise the crossbar to make football more attractive. Sepp Blatter, the general secretary of the game's world governing body, said yesterday.

"The guardians of the rules [the International Board] are in agreement to widen the goals by the diameter of two balls, around 50 centimetres (19.68in), and to increase the height by the diameter of one ball," he said.

Blatter added that the board would reach a formal decision in March and this would be followed by a trial period. However, no change will be introduced before the 1998 World Cup finals in France. "We will play the 1998 World Cup with the current rules," Blatter said.

The future of basketball-style time-outs, an innovation already being tested, looks uncertain. "Footballers are so conservative," Blatter said, "so the mood is currently under 50 per cent. The matter is not quite finished with, but the trend is negative."

Blatter denied that Fifa saw time-outs as a way of introducing more time for television advertising. "The idea came from the trainers. They complained they had too little say, sitting on the bench."

The 1998 World Cup will be marked by one change, however. "We will certainly have better-trained, younger, faster and fitter referees," Blatter said.

Barcelona host a top-of-the-table derby against Espanol tomorrow as the Spanish league resumes after the Christmas break. Johan Cruyff's side, lying third in the league, will be hoping to rediscover some form after losing to Atletico Madrid and Sevilla last month.

Cruyff's side will be reinforced by Carlos Busquets, the goalkeeper who returns after a month out injured. Espanol are in 40th place in the table and a 40-strong police contingent will be on duty at the match.

Atletico lead the table with 42 points, to Espanol's 35 and Barcelona's 35, after eight games. They will be in action tonight at Salamanca. Real Madrid, meanwhile, entertain Real Valladolid under Michael Laudrup, the Denmark international, and Juan Eduardo Esnaider, the Argentinian, who both picked up injuries in training on Monday.

Prunier falls victim to United's new year hangover

By Peter Ball

THE fall-out from Manchester United's 4-1 defeat at White Hart Lane on New Year's Day claimed one immediate victim. William Prunier, the French international defender, will return to France when his loan period ends today.

that he needed to extend his trial period. Prunier was unwilling to continue on that basis. "It's very difficult for him to come into the English game and not speak the language," Ferguson said. "We needed a bit more time to assess him, but he's got one or two other options, so it was best to let him go."

United's injury problems — they have four central defenders unavailable — led to Prunier being pressed into service at the weekend after impressing in the reserves. At the time, Ferguson had said he and the player would discuss terms this week providing Prunier came through successfully, but, after a quiet start against Queens Park Rangers on Saturday, he struggled against Sheringham and Armstrong on Monday.

His departure and the calf injury that led to Schmeichel's exit at half-time, however, leaves United even more stretched in defence. Schmeichel will miss Saturday's FA Cup third-round tie with Sunderland. Gary Pallister, Steve Bruce and Dennis Irwin are expected to be out for a further three weeks, while David May is four or five weeks from a comeback.

Prunier's failure, however, has not deterred Ferguson from looking abroad for another central defender. "We want to add to the squad and I'd like to think that something could happen this week, although I doubt it," Ferguson said. "I am concentrating on strengthening the defence. We've been looking around for a while, but it is difficult to see anything in the English game, so we are looking in other places."

SHEEHAN on BRIDGE. BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT. Today's hand is an example of the "dentist's coup". Dealer East North-South game Rubber bridge.

Bridge hand diagram showing cards for both sides. East: ♠A Q 10 9, ♥K 10 4, ♦A 4, ♣A K 3 2. West: ♠5 2, ♥Q 3 2, ♦K J 8 7 6 2, ♣K 10.

East opened Three Diamonds, West raised to Five Diamonds in an attempt to shut out North, and North doubled. Whether South should remove North's double of Five Diamonds is debatable. In practice, South bid Five Hearts and North raised to Six Hearts. Declarer won the diamond in dummy and, with the idea of playing the hand with shorter trumps, came to hand with the ace of hearts and continued with a heart. There is a good case for playing East for trump length. West has jumped to Five Diamonds and is likely to have a singleton somewhere (hearts is the most likely spot — if he had had a black singleton he would probably have led it).

KEENE on CHESS. BY RAYMOND KEENE, CHESS CORRESPONDENT. Hastings conquest.

Stuart Conquest, who took an early lead in the Hastings Premier, was, in fact, born in Hastings. One of his best achievements was his first-round demolition of grandmaster Tony Miles in a game characterised by some extremely savage tactics. White: Tony Miles Black: Stuart Conquest Hastings Premier December 1995.

WINNING MOVE. By Raymond Keene. White to move. This position is a variation from the game Larsen — Kosten, Hastings Premier 1990. Black is material ahead and appears to have a dangerous attack. However, it is White to play and he has a quick kill. Can you see it?

FA seeks outsider as next chairman

THE Football Association is prepared to go head-hunting to find a chairman to succeed Sir Bert Millichip. The FA has identified a need for a strong, visionary figure, which could force it to move outside the traditional recruitment ground, the FA Council. The matter is considered more important than settling the future of the England coach, Terry Venables. The ideal candidate would have a foot in both the business and sporting worlds, qualities that would make Sir Roland Smith, the chairman of Manchester United plc, an obvious contender. The move is believed to have the support of Sir Bert, 81, who is prepared to shelve his plans to retire in June and seek to extend his 15-year reign if a suitable successor cannot be found.

FOR THE RECORD. AMERICAN FOOTBALL. IRLAND: Florida: Citrus Bowl: Tennessee 30 Ohio State 14. MIAMI: Orange Bowl: Florida State 31 Notre Dame 26. DALLAS: Cotton Bowl: Colorado 38 Oregon 38. PASADENA, California: Rose Bowl: USC 41 Northwestern 32. ATHLETICS. ROAD RACES: Moopah to Newcastle (14.1m) Miles: 1. S. Greig (Belgium) 1:19:04. 2. D. Laurin (Belgium) 1:19:12. 3. A. Sheehy (Ireland) 1:19:17. MARATHON: 1. M. S. Greig (Belgium) 2:12:35. 2. R. Jones (Belgium) 2:12:35. 3. C. Black (Belgium) 2:12:35. CRICKET. CASTLE CLIP (second day of tour): Durban, Northern Transvaal 161 (M. Roper 51, K. S. K. 57) and 22-1. Natal 189 (S. Stewart 75, N. Johnson 55). WANGANUI, New Zealand: Tour match: 1st day of three: New Zealand Premier's XI 119 (B. Strong 6-20), Zimbabwe 91-6. ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, Zimbabwe: Tour match (one day): Zimbabwe 182 (C. M. Davies 51), England under-18 165-8 (S. G. 41 not out).

WORD-WATCHING. By Philip Howard. YEESUM a. Yes ma'am b. The female opossum c. A sweet deciduous sap ZEDONK a. Zebra/donkey cross b. An idiot c. An Assyrian high priest SPOOKIST a. Burn rich b. Spindrift c. A medium SUCUPTRA a. An osymoron b. The marmalade quince c. Brown hardwood Answers on page 42

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South African cricket welcomes the Cape Coloured it once spurned

D'Oliveira remains on England's side

Simon Wilde meets a cricketer whose life is inextricably linked with images of a nation's history

Another day in South Africa, another peace made with the past. Basil D'Oliveira, whose life is inextricably linked with one of the darkest periods in his country's history...

D'Oliveira was born only a few miles from the ground, at Bo-Kaap, in the shadow of Table Mountain...

The United Cricket Board of South Africa (UCBSA), which is sensitive to these things, did not let yesterday's occasion go unmarked...

Also invited were several leading activists for multi-racial sport in the 'old' South Africa, such as Sam Ramsamy...

In his speech of welcome, Bacher perhaps overstated his case by describing D'Oliveira as 'one of the most famous people in South Africa's non-racial society'...

Bacher said that South Africa regarded D'Oliveira as one of its greatest sporting sons. 'Although we know you have affiliations with English cricket...



Adams, the Cape Coloured who followed D'Oliveira in playing for St Augustine's, can enjoy a prominent role in South Africa's future

D'Oliveira was then presented with a tie and cuff-links by Kris Mackerdij, the president of the UCBSA...

I was entirely appropriate that South Africa's team in this match should contain a Cape Coloured in Paul Adams...

As he spoke, the match resumed after lunch. Donald bowled his first over and promptly took the wickets of Thorpe and Hick...

verge that constituted the non-whites area of the ground. He never played in a match on the ground himself...

D'Oliveira said that he had been greeted by many people on his visit. 'All sorts of people have come up to me in the street and thanked me'...

West Indies will decide just before the start whether Richie Richardson, the captain, will be fit to resume...



D'Oliveira, the England player, coaching youngsters in Cape Town in 1966

Sri Lanka ready to risk Muralitharan

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

SRI LANKA are likely to play their controversial off-spinner Muralitharan in the World Series Cup game against the West Indies in Hobart today...

bowler's end at Melbourne, will not be on duty in Tasmania and Duleep Mendis, the team manager...

team. They used to be a pushover for everybody, but not any more. Sri Lanka can go two games clear of West Indies by winning again...

the first game. I think it's a bit of a different side that we're going to face tomorrow...

Darrell Hair, the Australian umpire who called Muralitharan from the

Table with columns: SNOW REPORTS, Depth (cm), Conditions, Runs to resort, Weather (Sp/pt), Last snow. Rows include ANDORRA, AUSTRIA, FRANCE, SWITZERLAND, ITALY.

Answers from page 40 YESSUM (a) US dialect contraction of yes ma'am... ZEDONK (a) The offspring of a male zebra and a female donkey... SPOOKIST (a) A spiritualist or medium... SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE 1 Bx5f Qx5 3 Qc7 mate.

RADIO CHOICE

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The Code War. Radio 4, 7.45pm. I only wish I could say that it will be as easy as falling off a log for the untiringly to understand everything this programme says about cancer...

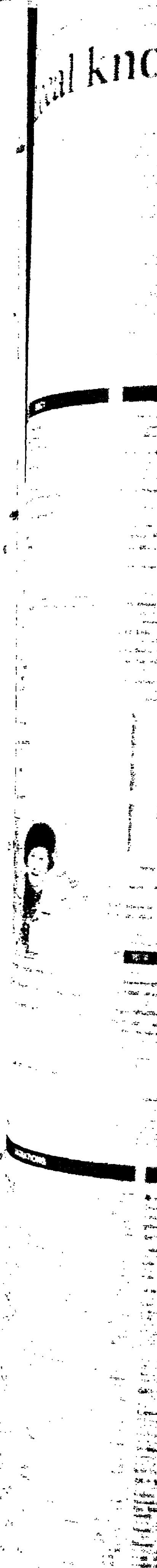
Hearts and Hands and Voices. Radio 2, 9.00pm.

Could it be that what gave Radio 2 the idea for Barbara Dickson's five-part history of hymns was the unexpected success of the recent recording of Gregorian chant by the monks of Silchester...

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- RADIO 3: 6.00am On Air, with Andrew McGregor... 3.00 Miklós Chole, with Paul Guirey... 4.00 Choral Evening, live from Tewkesbury Abbey... 5.00 The Music Machine: Back to Back... 5.15 Fairport's Live Songbook... 9.00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini... 10.00 Musical Encounters, with Chris Wines... 12.00 Composer of the Week: Edgar... RADIO 4: 5.55am Shipping (LW only) 6.00 News 6.10 Farming Today... 6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30 Today, Inc 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News 6.55, 7.55, 8.55, 9.55... 9.00 News 9.05 Midweek, with Times columnist Lobby Purves... 9.00-10.00, 11.00-1.00pm Test Match Special (LW only)...

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Inept batting after Atherton's early departure gives South Africa control Donald derails England at speed

FROM ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT, IN CAPE TOWN

CAPE TOWN (first day of five, England won toss): South Africa, with eight first-innings wickets in hand, are 109 runs behind England

MICHAEL ATHERTON did everything right yesterday morning, but only until this decisive final Test began. He had made a positive selection and he had won the toss, but the England captain was then out for nought and, as tends to happen whenever he fails, his team simply withered away without him.

England will not be despairing just yet, for this is a fickle Newlands pitch that is unlikely to last five days. South Africa, having lost two wickets to the indefatigable Dominic Cork in the final hour, will be aware that they still have much to do. All that can be said with confidence after the opening day is that this series is now most unlikely to end drawn.

Andy Atkinson's pitch, almost bare and widely cracked, will assuredly deteriorate in the coming days. Indeed, Robin Smith, who sustained England for four hours, said later that he believed 170 would be a difficult fourth-innings target. But it was not, yesterday, a

surface on which it was forgivable to be bowled out for 153, even when confronted by Allan Donald at his most formidable. It was, perhaps, a hundred runs short of par. Apart from a rare and welcome burst of productivity from the previously plagued No 3 position, in which Smith, his notorious nerves benefiting from the promotion, made a valiant 66, England batted limply when, with only five specialists, they could least afford it.

Donald's five wickets, compensation for his scant rewards in Port Elizabeth, included Atherton and the vital elimination of Graham Thorpe and Graeme Hick in a single over after lunch. Paul Adams took the last two wickets and caused enough problems through turn and variation to suggest there will be more to come. Smith was no nearer picking his chinaman when he departed, having played on to one, than he had been at the start of his innings.

D'Oliveira returns 42 Muralidharan plays 42

The problems of predicting England's spin bowling are concerned more with its quality. Richard Illingworth, who is nothing if not dependable, was duly ruled unfit yesterday morning and Mike Watkinson, who deputises, cannot afford the generosity of length he has shown so far on this tour. England have too few runs with which to bargain, a fate that was their destiny as soon as Atherton fell without a run on the board.

Atherton's wish for the national anthem to be played before a game was again answered, this time with the teams lined up in blazers on their balconies, many of them singing. It was not, however, inspirational and the fraught maiden overs preceded Atherton's calamitous end, going back to Donald and angling the ball low to third slip.

The field for Donald, which at one stage had nobody in front of square, was a strange contrast with the ambivalent fields for Pollock, but the advent of McMillan, gaining swing and extra bounce, persuaded Cronje to attack. Stewart, becalmed as he so hates to be, was bowled off the inside edge as he pushed away from his body and England, already in disarray, were now faced with a gladiatorial roar for the introduction of Adams.

The gates had been closed before play began and, for many of the locals, Adams was the principal draw. In his third over, he demonstrated the influence he might have on the match, leaving Smith helplessly squared up with a ball that pitched on middle stump and turned past off. Somehow, Smith and Thorpe saw it through to lunch, but, in the second over of the afternoon, the innings was undermined.

Donald's first ball of the session was angled across the left-handed Thorpe, whose drive was loose and presumptuous, a careless end to a promising innings. McMillan pocketed it at second slip, and caught another three balls later, when Hick, driven back by a short one, offered a drooping bat, an old habit he had shunned on this tour.

Four of the five selected batsmen had thus mustered 35 runs between them. This was not an endorsement of the decision to shorten the batting but neither did it condemn it, for a management cannot legislate for its best players performing so ineptly. Jack Russell enjoys a scrap, but even he must have hoped to enter the fray at something more amenable than 60 for four.

Russell fussed protectively for 80 minutes, eyes hawkishly fixed on every ball, but he had scored only nine of a stand of 43 when he nibbled fatally outside off stump to give McMillan his third catch and Pollock his first wicket. In his next over, Pollock struck again, convincing umpire Or-

chard that a full-length ball to Watkinson would have hit leg stump.

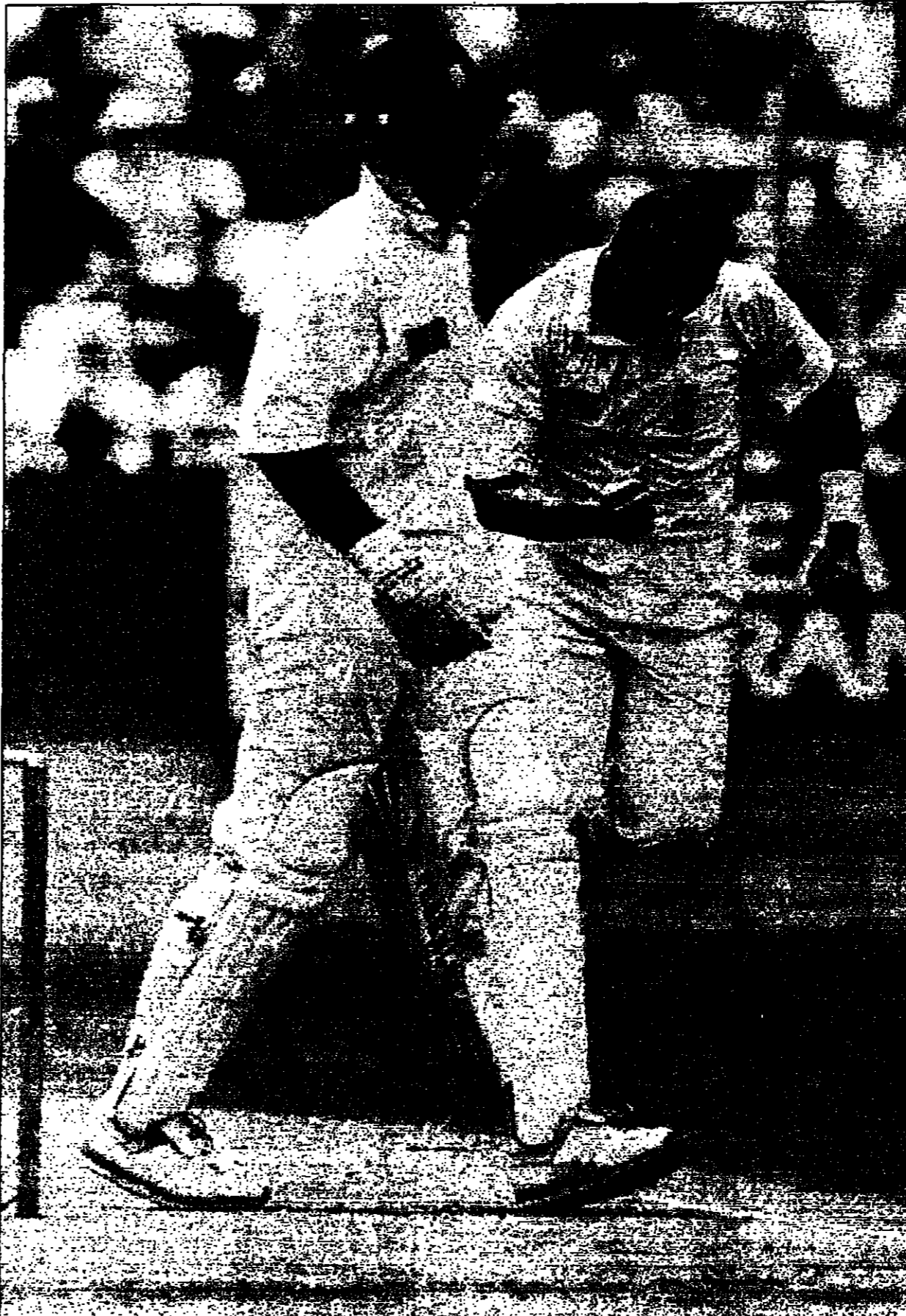
Cork, like Watkinson before him, connected with some uncomplicated blows without suggesting he would be requiring an overnight stay and it was just after tea when Donald returned once more to scatter his stumps with the perfect yorker. Tactics changed for Martin, who was unceremoniously roughed up before gloving a catch to Pollock, but conspicuously softened for Malcolm. For some reason, Donald seemed reluctant to

upset him. He need not have worried for Malcolm obligingly swung a foot inside Adams's googly to close the innings and then proceeded to bowl in desultory fashion, never approaching a speed and rhythm to disconcert.

Here, one would have thought, was the ideal platform for him to prove that the public clamour for his inclusion was not misplaced and that the selectors had him wrong all along. So far, he has achieved only the opposite.

Cork, meanwhile, continues to carry the England attack, which made a collision with Watkinson in the second over and a break for treatment to his left index finger, a deeply worrying interlude.

Undeterred, he worsened the record of Hudson — now 127 runs in ten innings against England — with an inswinger and moved one of the other way to have the equally disorientated Cronje caught behind. The in-form South Africans, Kirsten and Cullinan, resume this morning and England cannot permit them to take root.



Hick turns away in despair, dismissed by a delighted Donald at Newlands yesterday. Photograph: Derek Cox

Stewart and Ford link to form new grand prix racing team

FROM OLIVER HOIT IN DETROIT

JACKIE STEWART, Britain's most successful Formula One motor racing driver, will end his self-imposed 22-year exile from the sport here tomorrow. Stewart, 57, will return to grand prix racing at the head of his own team in 1997 armed with a five-year plan to challenge Williams, Benetton and Ferrari for the leading prizes. The announcement will be made at the North American Motor Show here as part of a coup for the Ford Motor Company, a long-term associate of Stewart. Ford has slipped into the competitive wilderness since they won the constructors' championship with Benetton and Michael Schumacher in 1994, but its decision to give Stewart's new team an exclusive five-year supply of its most advanced engines suggests it is confident this is the way back.

Stewart won 27 grands prix in 99 races on his way to three world championships in the late 1960s and early 1970s. Only Nigel Mansell, with 31 wins, has scored more victories for Britain, but Stewart attained his total in far fewer starts. A fierce campaigner for track safety, he retired one race short of his century in 1973 after the death of his team-mate, Francois Cevert.

"I thought I would have five years to be Jackie Stewart, ex-racing driver, world champion, autograph signer, motor show visitor and personality," Stewart said, "but companies like Ford started to use me fairly substantially because I was a reality. My name got bigger and the reaction was getting bigger. I have not missed Formula One. Now, though, with the involvement of Ford, I am in a position where I believe there is a good chance to succeed. It will be good to be back."

Stewart has become a multi-millionaire since his retirement. He has stayed involved in racing through his son Paul and the company Paul Stewart Racing, which was successful in the junior formulas.

Ford's involvement with Stewart Grand Prix, as the company will be known, may sound the death knell for Sauber, the Swiss team, who will lose the American company's engines as a result.

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CAPE TOWN SCOREBOARD

Table with cricket scores for England vs South Africa. Includes innings details, runs, wickets, and extras for both teams.

TIMES TWO CROSSWORD

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

SOLUTION TO TIMES TWO CROSSWORD NO 663. Includes answers for Across and Down words.

Managers push for winter break

THE League Managers' Association (LMA) is to petition the Football Association and the FA Premier League to introduce a four-week winter break for the country's leading clubs. It is proposed that the shutdown would come either after the Boxing Day or New Year's Day matches, with clubs resuming at the beginning of February by playing their FA Cup third-round matches. The LMA is pressing for the changes to be implemented from next season and hopes to see some progress on discussions within the next two months.



Wilkinson: backs move



Harford: injury worry

Advertisement for Harrods 'SOUND & VISION SALE'. Features an AKAI TX700 Mini System and details about the sale opening hours and location.

Large vertical advertisement on the right side of the page, partially obscured, mentioning '£5,000 of Lottery tickets' and 'face 500m water bill'.